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INCREASE IN RENTS JUSTIFIABLE

Government Agrees With Committee Recommendations

New Legislation To Be Introduced

In view of the greatly increased cost of maintenance and the repair of buildings, the Government of Hong Kong considers that a general increase of rents is justifiable and that such increase should be limited, in the case of dwelling houses, up to 30 per cent over the 1941 level, and in the case of business premises up to 45 per cent, it was announced yesterday afternoon. No rent increase is lawful, however, until legislation is approved.

The report of the Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to consider and report on the practical workings of the Landlord & Tenant Proclamation was released by Government yesterday together with a lengthy statement setting out Government's views on the recommendations put forward by the Committee in its report.

The Committee consisted of the Hon. Mr. L. d'Almeida (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. T. McGarry, the Hon. Mr. R. D. Gillespie, Mr. M. W. Lo and Mr. Thomas Tam.

Government's statement letting out its views on the report read as follows:

Government is in complete accord with the Committee's view that control of both business and residential premises must be continued by reason of the abnormal conditions prevailing in the Colony, but that the time has come for a limited measure of de-control.

Government agrees with the following recommendations of the Committee:

Power of Eviction
1. That a Tenancy Tribunal should be empowered in its discretion to order eviction in the following cases:

(a) Where there has been a breach of any term of the tenancy agreement other than one imposing an obligation to vacate the premises.

(b) In the case of tenancy agreements entered into after the 31st October, 1945, in addition to (a) above, where there has been a breach of an agreement by a tenant to vacate the premises upon the sale thereof or the happening of a particular event.

2. That a tenant who became such after the re-occupation of the Colony upon the written condition that he would vacate the premises on the return of the pre-war tenant, should be liable to eviction on his refusal to quit the premises and give them up to the pre-war tenant.

3. That in the case of a dwelling house upon the death of a tenant, his widow, children and other dependants, provided they were living in the premises at the date of his death, should be protected against eviction.

Increase in Rents
4. That land not developed by the erection of permanent buildings, including land used for the purpose of storage of timber or other goods (upon which land there may be temporary structures used in connection with such storage) should be exempt from control.

5. That in view of the greatly increased cost of maintenance and repair of buildings, a general increase of rents is justifiable and that such increase should be permitted, subject to one month's notice to the tenant of the proposed increase, to the following extent:

(a) In the case of dwelling houses up to 30% over the 1941 level.

(b) In the case of business premises up to 45% over the 1941 level.

Repairs by Tenants

It is contemplated that such increases should be sanctioned to take effect from February 1, 1947.

In view of the fact that many tenants have expended considerable sums on the repair of premises, the foregoing permitted increases will be subject to the proviso that where the tenant has incurred expenditure necessary to render the premises reasonably habitable and such expenditure has not less than the equivalent of not less than the amount of the increase in the 1941 level, the increase will not be permitted until such time as the amount which the tenant might, but for this provision, have been entitled to receive by way of increase in rent, shall be equal to one half of the amount expended by the tenant upon such repairs.

6. That in the case of business premises which may attract a quota benefiting only 1,050 of

GENERAL STRIKE IN MANILA?

Manila, Nov. 18. Government mediators today offered bonus payments in kind from Government commodity stocks in an effort to end the municipal labourers strike and avert a threatened general strike.

Labour leaders made no immediate reply. However, Union Secretary Manuel Joven declared: "The date of a general sympathy strike has been definitely set. It will not be revealed until every detail has been arranged. We will make it a surprise to everybody to make it more effective and be sure of a victory for labour."—Associated Press.

West Coast Shipping Strike Over

San Francisco, Nov. 18. A tentative agreement has been reached to end the long West coast shipping strike. This was announced by representatives of the C.I.O. Longshoremen, Marine Engineers and the management.

The agreement presumably includes the troublesome jurisdictional dispute at Coosbay, Oregon.

The return to work is set for Wednesday morning if the Union membership ratifies the agreement.

C.I.O. Leader Harry Bridges said the agreement represents substantial gains for the unions involved. He said details will be announced on Monday afternoon.

The strike began 48 days ago over higher wages and other conditions. Later it was complicated by an American Federation of Labor—C.I.O. jurisdictional dispute over a ship at Coosbay.—Associated Press.

Too Much Hot Air At U.N.O.

New York, Nov. 18. A movement is growing in the United Nations to check the flood of oratory and debate that has thrown the General Assembly a week behind schedule with the thorniest issues still to be argued.

One of the biggest questions in the Assembly is not on the agenda—how to wrest the discussions out of the swamp of confusion that has bogged down the progress of the entire session.

At the rate the Assembly is moving, it was feared that instead of winding up the meeting as scheduled on December 7, it would finish as a race to get home before Christmas.

The Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, alarmed at the slow pace of the proceedings, has already consulted several delegations about speeding up the sections and is reported ready to go before Assembly Committees to appeal for swifter progress.

The United States delegation is contemplating an appeal to limit debate, and the British and Russian delegates have already made arrangements for departure a week after the scheduled end of the session.

Still To Come
The big arguments—such as disarmament, the veto, an inventory of military dispositions—are still to come. The basic trouble is that most of the nations represented feel compelled to talk on every point brought up in the Committee sessions. Delegates mindful of the despatches to their homelands, felt they must answer every possible argument.

Other factors are the necessity for translating each speech into one language, at least, and frequently two. Delegates also complain that too much time is being taken in committees getting to the substance of the issues instead of passing them to the full Assembly for discussion. The arguments will come up in the Assembly all over again.

71 Meetings
Statistics on the Assembly show that up to November 13 it held 71 separate meetings, including 14 plenary sessions of the full Assembly. These meetings used up 185.2 hours of discussion.

Until that time, over 1,000,000 words had been spoken in the Assembly sessions. An overworked U.N. staff of 2,000 has been swamped by the paper work involved.

One of the last items up for consideration is a Canadian proposal to expedite Assembly action by limiting debate and through other measures.—Associated Press.

Old Crocks Race

London, Nov. 17. One hundred and thirty-seven cars, each more than forty years old, today rattled and swayed along the seventy miles of road from London to Brighton, on the south coast.

They were taking part in the first annual veteran car run to be held since 1938, but today they were also celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of repeal of the law which compelled every car on the roads of Britain to be preceded by a man carrying a red flag of warning.

Despite the cold morning, all the cars got away to a good start, and they kept strictly to the age of the car and calling for average speeds ranging from ten to fifteen miles per hour.

Many of the cars, whose aggregate age totalled more than 6,000 years, have been found during the war. One which had stood in a field for years had a tree growing through it, which had to be cut down before the car could be moved.

Seventy-five finished the course in a rule and heavy rain—conditions which proved too much for the rest of the competitors. Most cars were open models. Two of the oldest cars in the run were a 1906 Buick and a 1906 Ford. They finished without mishap.—Reuter.

TRUMAN ON HOLIDAY

Washington, Nov. 18. President Harry Truman left Washington by air for Key West, Florida, today where he will spend a week's holiday before Congress convenes.—Reuter.

CRASH OFF IWOJIMA

Tokyo, Nov. 18. A United States Army plane, carrying 23 military personnel, crashed into the sea on Saturday night, 15 miles off Iwojima in mid-Pacific, killing all on board.

Ships searching for the plane, which was on route from Guam to Iwojima, picked up bits of scattered wreckage on Sunday.—Reuter.

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FIRST JET CROSSING

Paris, Nov. 18. The British, New-Lancaster, first jet-propelled passenger airliner in the world, made the first cross Channel flight of any airliner when it flew from London to Paris today.

The plane, which was to have flown over yesterday but was held up by bad weather, is to remain in France for two days and make demonstration flights over the capital.—Reuter.

Einstein On Atomic Danger

New York, Nov. 17. Professor Albert Einstein and a group of scientists today appealed for \$1,000,000 in public subscriptions to be used in educating the community in the social implications of atomic energy and the steps necessary to avoid the destruction of civilisation.

The appeal declared: "These facts are accepted by all scientists. First, atomic bombs can now be made cheaply and in large numbers. They will become more destructive. Secondly, there is no military defence against the atomic bomb and none can be expected. Thirdly, other nations can re-discover our secret processes by themselves. Fourthly, preparedness against atomic warfare is futile and if attempted will ruin the structure of our social order. Fifthly, if war breaks out atomic bombs will be used and they will surely destroy our civilisation. Sixthly, there is no solution to this problem except international control of atomic energy and ultimately the elimination of war."

The programme of the committee is to make this declaration thoroughly understood by the public.

"The democratic determination of this nation's policy on atomic energy," the declaration added, "must ultimately rest on understanding by its citizens."—Reuter.

Yugoslavs Open Fire On Greek Patrol

Athens, Nov. 17. Greek press reports today describe an incident during last week's fighting in Northern Greece which led to the parley between Greek and Yugoslav officers across the frontier.

A company of Greek troops, stationed in the village of Archangelos west of Skra Heights, the scene of the worst disturbances, found its way barred by a group of "rebels" outnumbering the troops when on its way to a frontier post.—81.

Mystery Dynamiter At Large

Stockholm, Nov. 18. A large force of detectives, reinforced by home guards, are hunting a mystery man, who for seven successive Saturday nights has dynamited houses in central Stockholm.

A reward of seven million crowns has been offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

He chooses his houses at random but seems to prefer old buildings. His favourite place for laying his explosives is the staircase or lift shaft. Each attack is more severe than its predecessor.

His first explosion blew in the front door of a second floor dwelling. His second smashed the windows as well. Later attacks ripped the whole staircase away and threw debris into the street.

No one has yet been killed but a number of people have been injured. The police are handicapped in their search because no one has been able to give an adequate description of the man—he comes and goes unobtrusively. All that witnesses have been able to say is that he is about six feet tall, dark and dressed in a dark brown suit and a light brown raincoat.—Reuter.

GERMAN MAYORS' URGENT APPEAL

Hamburg, Nov. 17. The mayors of larger towns in the British and United States zones of Germany meeting at Stuttgart, have sent an urgent appeal to the Allied Occupation authorities "not to let the German people perish in famine and misery." The mayors urged the Allied authorities to review the economic life by stopping coal exports from Germany, by importing food and raw materials and by granting relief credits.

They also urged the Governments of German provinces to do all in their power to alleviate their plight.

"The misery in German towns is threatening whole sections of the population with extinction," the mayors said in their appeal.

"Our totally inadequate rations are not even secure."

The grain position in the British zone remained roughly the same over the weekend with officials still standing by for new shipments from America and the Russian zone of Germany to augment the present inadequate supply.

Figures for grain stocks in the Ruhr were not available today but the latest statistics showed that the North Rhine-Westphalia province, of which the Ruhr forms part, had roughly enough grain to last for two days.

Official state there were no disturbances in the Ruhr over the weekend and no trouble was anticipated unless the situation became very much worse.

"No Food, No Work"
This statement was reassuring after the "no food, no work" resolution adopted by 170 German engine drivers and railway firemen at Wuppertal yesterday.

They declared that they would be unable to carry out their heavy and responsible work if the food supply remained as irregular and inadequate as at present.

German trade union circles said that some of the railwaymen had gone to work one morning with only a carrot for breakfast, having no bread left in their homes.

The crucial period for Germany is the next fortnight, after which the position is expected to improve, the British Commander-in-Chief, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Sholto Douglas, said yesterday.

The food crisis was more severe in the Ruhr than in Hamburg, he added.—Reuter.

Holland Recognises Indonesia

Batavia, Nov. 18. The Dutch Government has recognised the Indonesian Republic. Government as "de facto, exercising power in Java, Madura and Sumatra," under a draft agreement reached between the Dutch and Indonesian delegates at a meeting on Friday, it was announced today.

A united states of Indonesia, comprising the territory of the Dutch East Indies, is to be formed as a "sovereign state on a federal basis."

The agreement, which has been initiated by both delegations, stated that a united states of Indonesia is to be formed from a Netherlands East Indies union. It is hoped to set up a union under the Netherlands crown before January, 1949.

Decrees for furthering common interests are to be issued in the Crown's name. The agreement specifies that "common interests" include foreign relations, as far as necessary, finance and subjects of economics and culture.

A special clause provides that "in case the population of any territory (in the Dutch Indies), after due consultation with other territories, should decide by democratic procedure that they are not or not yet willing to join the united states of Indonesia, they can establish a special relationship for such territory to the states and to the Kingdom of the Netherlands."—Reuter.

New York, Nov. 18. Pan-American Airways has given dismissal notices to about 20 per cent of 3,000 employees in its Atlantic Division in an economy move attributed by a spokesman to the streamlining of operational methods, and to inroads made on air passenger traffic by trans-Atlantic steamships.—Associated Press.

Britons Victims Of Terrorists

Jerusalem, Nov. 18. The Palestine Government announced today that four British police officers and an R.A.F. sergeant were killed and six other British policemen were injured critically when a truck which they were riding was blasted on the outskirts of Tel-Aviv.

The attack was the first major blow against British personnel in the area of the All-Jewish city in several weeks but followed a series of blasts in the Jerusalem area, and railway attacks throughout Palestine.

Police said apparently an electronically detonated road mine caused the blast which occurred a short distance from Tel-Aviv military headquarters.

Reports from Tel-Aviv said the mine apparently was placed in the middle of the street in a sparsely settled residential district.

Windows were shattered in houses within a radius of two blocks.

The area was immediately cordoned off by police who used dogs in attempts to trace the attackers.

Officer Killed
Earlier a British army officer was killed and a soldier injured while attempting to dismantle a contact mine found on a railway in the Haifa area.

A freight train was damaged slightly by a mine explosion south of Tel-Aviv.

Meanwhile 244 hunger strikes by inmates of the Caracolos refugee camp on Cyprus were reported.

The strike is in protest against the smallness of the recently announced immigration quota benefiting only 1,050 of

the 6,000 Jews currently held on Cyprus.—Associated Press.

More Casualties
Jerusalem, Nov. 18. Two British officers and a private were injured today when they attempted to dismantle an unexploded mine on the railway near Ras Blain.

Another British soldier was injured when an armoured railway carriage was derailed by a mine near Rehovot station on the Lydda-Kantara railway.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China is losing in intensity. Depressions over Manchuria and the Kuryles are moving eastward. At 0800 GMT the typhoon was centred about 850 miles E of Formosa moving NE at 10 to 15 knots. A depression in the S. China Sea about 500 miles N of Saigon appears to be moving slowly westward.

Today's forecast: Light variable winds, weather continuing fine.

Yesterday's weather: Max. 71.8 deg. F. Min. 57.8 deg. F. Max. Rel. Humidity: 70%. Sunshine: 14 hrs. Rainfall: Nil.

NIIMORI APPEARS AS WITNESS FOR "LISBON MARU" SKIPPER

A.O.C. Back In Colony

Air Commodore S.N. Webster, C.B.E., A.F.C., Air Officer Commanding Hong Kong, returned to the Colony on Sunday, after a short visit to Japan.

The A.O.C. flew to Okinawa on Nov. 11, where he stayed the night on board the U.S.S. Curtiss as the guest of Admiral Soucek, C-in-C, American Naval Forces in Japan. He left the following day for Iwakuni and Tokyo.

During his stay at Tokyo, Air Commodore Webster was the guest of Mr. E.D.F. Gaseigne, C.M.O., Head of the British Mission at the British Embassy. The visit was marked by a visit to a meeting of the Allied Council for Japan and meetings with General Gairdner, the Prime Minister's personal representative and later, on his return to Iwakuni, with Air Vice Marshal Bouchier, Air Officer Commanding the British Commonwealth Air Forces.

The A.O.C. particularly noticed the great strides in Japan where the Occupation Forces, despite the colossal devastation on every hand, are tackling the job of reconstruction with great vigour.

Wing Commander A. G. Parrell, Senior Air Staff Officer, accompanied the Air Commodore on his visit.

Weddings To Come

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Hermes Nolasco da Silva, of No. 4 New Road, and Jean Mary Dent, divorcee, en route to Hong Kong aboard H.M.S. "Victorious".

Mr. William Clark Watson, of No. 157, Barker Road, and Miss Elizabeth Otzel, of Virginia, U.S.A.

Mr. Martin Nicholas Spayer, of Batterfield & Swire, and Miss Margaret Jean Cornaby, of England.

(J.-Gunn, Pattison Goodfellow, D.S.C., of R.N.V.R., stationed aboard H.M.S. Tamar, and Miss Gwyneth Read, Welfare Officer attached to the British Red Cross, residing at Rosary Hill.)

Dr. Oh Kim-seng, of Queen Mary Hospital, and Miss Audrey Ellen Khoo, of No. 140 Kennedy Road.

WEDDING

The wedding between Mr. Robert Alphonse Preau, bank accountant, and Marcelle Cabuy, widow, took place at the Registry yesterday. The newly married couple are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

REPULSE BAY DANCES

The Repulse Bay Hotel is inaugurating nightly dinner dances with the first planned for tomorrow evening.

The dances begin at 9.30 p.m. and close down at 12.30 a.m. with Sgt. Fuller's Orchestra providing the music.

At yesterday's War Crimes Trial, Niimori Genchi, who was found guilty of seven out of eight War Crime charges on Oct. 1 and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, appeared as a witness for Kyoda Shigeru, master of the "Lisbon Maru" and said that each POW on board this ill-fated ship had a life belt.

Major Ando, another defence witness, said that civilians attached to the Army were bound to obey orders issued to them and that if the master of a ship refused to sail, he would be executed at once.

Niimori said that he accompanied a draft of 1,816 POWs on the "Lisbon Maru" as interpreter. On the morning of Sept. 25, 1942 just before the POWs embarked, they were addressed by Colonel Tokunaga, who told the men that they were going to another country where the climate was different and that they should take care of their health. Wada was then introduced to the men on parade. Wada said that he was O.C. of the draft and asked the men to remember his face.

The day before the POWs embarked on the "Lisbon Maru" an inspection of the ship was carried out and it was decided how many men should go into each hold. Wada carried out the inspection. Generally speaking, accommodation was very crowded in the first instance, but later the situation was eased by the transfer of some POWs from one hold to another.

No Complaints

A conference was called by Wada to discuss arrangements during the voyage. Colonel Stewart and other POW officers were present. At this conference it was also decided that 300 POWs be allowed up on deck at a time. The hours at which POWs might fill their water bottles were also agreed upon at this conference. Wada told Colonel Stewart that life belts were available in each hold. Colonel Stewart was requested to ask POWs not to use any of the life belts for pillows and to refrain from cutting the straps attached to the life belts. Witness knew all about what took place at the conference because he acted as interpreter.

During roll calls, witness entered the holds where POWs were accommodated. He saw that each POW had a life belt near his pillow. It was the duty of witness, at roll call, to see that all the different regulations laid down for observation by POWs were carried out. As far as witness knew, there were no complaints from POWs regarding life belts. Colonel Stewart was a very strict person and a real soldier.

P.W.'s Sent Below

In addition to a wooden stairway and two iron rung ladders in each hold, there was also a rope ladder, but this was not used very much.

On Oct. 1, at about 7 a.m. the "Lisbon Maru" was struck by a torpedo. Witness believed the Captain of the ship sent out an "SOS." On the orders of the O.C. Troops in transit, all POWs were ordered back into the holds. This order for POWs to return to the holds was given to Colonel Stewart through witness. Some ten patients who were on deck were also sent below with instructions that they be isolated. At that time, the

hatch covers were not closed. Two guards were placed on duty at each side of the hatches. These guards were only armed with rifles.

Two aeroplanes appeared on the scene and a message was dropped from one of these planes to the effect that rescue boats were on the way. Shortly afterwards a destroyer and some gunboats arrived. These ships endeavoured to locate the submarine.

Witness then described the rescue operations which took place and said that the Japanese troops on board the "Lisbon Maru" were transferred to ships which came alongside. POWs were ordered to pump out water from No. 3 hold with a pump which had been sent aboard the "Lisbon Maru" by Yano.

No Food

Witness was told by Wada that the "Lisbon Maru" would be towed to a shallow place and then beached.

As the engines of the "Lisbon Maru" were put out of order when the ship was torpedoed, it was not possible to cook any food. Witness received a piece of dried fish, but he could not eat it as it was too hard. Witness informed Colonel Stewart that rescue boats were coming and requested him to tell the POWs to remain calm and have patience.

Colonel Stewart then asked that some food be issued, as the men were feeling hungry. This message was conveyed by witness to Wada. The latter replied that there was no food to issue and said that POWs should try to make the best of the situation. Colonel Stewart then suggested that the food which POWs had brought with them be issued; but Wada refused on the ground that the quantity was too small. Witness later tried to obtain this food for Colonel Stewart, but was unable to do so. As a result of this incident, witness came

to realise that Wada was a very stubborn man.

On waking up from a sound sleep on the morning of Oct. 2, witness went to the deck. He saw POWs coming out from the holds, and entering the water from both sides of the ship. At the time that witness entered the water, the openings of the hatches were large enough for men to come out.

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JAP LAWS TO BE REVISED

Singapore, Nov. 18.

Under the terms of a Bill to be introduced in the Singapore Advisory Council, soon, orders made by Japanese civil courts or civil proceedings begun during the Japanese occupation may be set aside, confirmed or continued by the Singapore courts.—Reuter.

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Status of Civilians

Cross-examined by Major Vine, witness said that it was only after his arrival at Wooding that he had about the battening down of the hatches on the "Lisbon Maru." Witness denied that he had anything to do with the closing of the hatches. He admitted that he was found guilty on a charge of being concerned with the battening down of hatches on the "Lisbon Maru."

In reply to the President, witness said that no requests were made by Colonel Stewart for drinking water or sanitary equipment. Witness did not hear any conversation between Kyoda was not present at the beginning of the voyage.

Major Ando then entered the witness box and declared that the master and crew of a ship, requisitioned by the Army, became civilians attached to the Army. Civilians attached to the Army were not given status of soldiers, but had to obey any order issued to them. Civilians attached to the Army were required to take an oath promising many things.

Under Oath

The most important one was that they promised to obey all orders issued to them by a superior officer. Under the oath they also undertook not to disclose any secret or to do anything which might be detrimental to the Japanese Army.

Readers' Letters

Threatening Letters

Sir.—In view of the fact that many concerns are now receiving letters demanding "protection money" and are being threatened with dire consequences should they fail to meet the demands made, it is suggested, in the interests of public safety, that the Police issue a statement on the matter and publish a full list of all concerns which have received threatening letters.

It is felt that the Police owe a duty to the public and that it is up to them to take such action as may be necessary before it is too late.

For instance, during the years of the Pacific War, a

certain cinema theatre which co-operated with the Japanese received a threatening letter. The theatre and the Police saw fit to keep the matter quiet, feeling that any disclosure as to the receipt of such a letter might affect box office receipts. The result was a heavy loss of life when a time bomb, placed in the theatre on the night that a capacity houses attended, exploded. Innocent men, women and children were killed or maimed for life, simply because the Theatre and the Police kept quiet. After the incident, the Police were most energetic and for several months took the most extraordinary precautions by placing detectives inside and outside the theatre, searching everyone that attended a performance and refusing to permit any member of the audience to leave his or her seat during a show.

Are we to have a similar disaster in Hong Kong before the Police wake up and realise that it is their duty to put the public on guard and to appreciate that any silence on their part which is aimed at assisting some individual to increase his bank account, may possibly result in a tremendous loss of life.

SAFETY FIRST.

Tribute To Soldier

Sir.—A few days ago, at about midnight, a very sick man collapsed somewhere near the Star Ferry in Hong Kong. A mob gathered around him but nobody helped. Fearing danger, and noticing an English soldier he beckoned to him for assistance. He could not talk but gestured about writing and the soldier was quick enough to perceive and hand him pencil and paper. He scrawled the phone number of his home. The soldier carried him to the nearest phone and made contact. No ferries or taxis were available and the relatives made an S.O.S. to the soldier, to hail the first Jeep and solicit assistance for conveyance to Queen Mary Hospital. The soldier followed this request, and he probably will be the means of saving the life of a Hong Kong citizen. The soldier goes back into obscurity, he feels he has done his work as a real soldier not only in war but in time of peace.

S.A.G.

Money Mart

All prices were on the up grade yesterday as "bulls" predominated in every department of the money market.

Favourable of speculators was still the picture which touched \$14.20 (for 100 Piatres) when it was at its peak. It had opened at \$13.10 and had dropped to \$12.80. Closing rate was \$14.00, which was a substantial rise on last week's quotation.

Gold was quiet in the morning, opening at \$298 a tola and dropping to \$295; but in the afternoon it suddenly spurted and closed at \$304.

Chinese National Currency, too, made a remarkable rally. Rumours of further devaluation of the C.N.C.-US\$ official rate had caused last week's slump. When it was seen that nothing had happened, confidence evidently returned, and yesterday there was a preponderance of buyers, with the result that rates rose from 82 cents to 89 cents for futures and from \$1.08 to \$1.12 1/4 for spot (for C.N.S.1,000).

There was no change in U.S. dollars, Sterling and Australian pounds which were \$4.68, \$15.45 and \$12.55 respectively, all buyers.

Shanghai Exchange

Closing Shanghai quotations, as cabled by Associated Press:

U.S. dollars	250,000	251,000
G.S. dollars	4,650	4,750
H.K. dollars	950	960

Big Demand For Damaged Cars

(By Margaret Bradbury)

More than \$60,000 changed hands yesterday morning in Lammert's auction rooms in Pedder Building when 56 damaged motor cars and 12 motor engines were sold to businessmen in the Colony, under the sponsorship of the Government's Custodian of Property Department.

For the last few months the vehicles have been stored in requisitioned godowns, and as the rightful owners have not claimed them through ignorance of their whereabouts or lack of identification proof they have

thing which might cause a soldier to "lose face."

Quoting from Japanese Operational Field Service Regulations, witness said that military discipline in obedience and that it was therefore necessary to make all servicemen throw down their lives for their country and obey the orders of their superiors.

Witness then went on to detail the duties of a soldier as laid down in various regulations and said that these regulations applied to civilians attached to the Army. There was no difference between soldiers and civilians attached to the Army when it came to a question of carrying out orders.

A junior officer could only act on his own initiative when he was far away from his superior officer and could not arrange contact. To disobey the order of a superior officer was something contrary to the traditions of the Japanese Army.

Full Power

The O.C. Troops in transit was responsible for accommodation, food, water, supplies, sanitary arrangements, saving equipment and other emergency devices on board ship. The master of a ship who was dissatisfied with the nature of the equipment on board had no right to refuse to set sail because he was bound to obey operational orders. Witness had never heard of a case where a master had refused to sail. The master of a ship who refused to sail would be executed at once.

The O.C. Troops in transit had full power and authority in all matters except those relating to the arrival, departure and movement of a ship. Regulations as to the responsibilities of an O.C. Troops in transit came into effect in the days of the Sino-Japanese War of 1895. All regulations referred to by witness applied to the transit of POWs.

Under cross-examination, witness said that he had never been on board a transport. The master of a ship was responsible for the safety of all passengers on board his ship in peace time; but in wartime, there were other matters which had to be taken into consideration. If the O.C. Troops in transit was given an order by his superiors to take a certain course, he would have to obey these orders and disregard any advice which the master of the ship might give.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

TIGERS IN PENANG

Singapore, Nov. 18.

For the first time in over 10 years the presence of tigers has been reported in Penang, just outside the town limits. According to Chinese squatters living on the slopes of Mount Erskine, two miles from the main road, three tigers have been seen prowling along a footpath leading to the hills. A farmer, who claims to have seen the beasts one clear afternoon from a distance of about 20 yards, describes them as half grown.

—Reuter.

THEATRE LOBBY PICKPOCKET

For the theft of a fountain pen from Mr. D.A. Rozario inside the Queen's Theatre lobby on Sunday, Fung Kin-cheong, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday. A Chinese detective who was on duty inside the lobby caught the defendant in the act.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An Exhibition of Chinese Paintings by Mr. Chao Shiao (also known as Mr. Chao Shiu-gong) is to be held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild on the 6th floor of Asia Life Building, Queen's Road Central, tomorrow until Sunday, daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Story Of A Dodge In N.T.

The alertness of Commandos at the Sheung Shui border saved a 3-ton Dodge truck when it was being smuggled out of the Colony on the evening of September 30. The alleged culprit, Lai Yin, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with stealing the truck, driving the vehicle without the owner's permission, and alternatively, with receiving stolen property.

Mr. Peter H. Sin pleaded not guilty for the defendant, while Detective Sub-Inspector Mischak prosecuted.

It was stated that the lorry was stolen from the Caroline Hill Garage. The number of the vehicle was formerly C.A. 50, but it was marked KO 41, when discovered.

When defendant drove the vehicle across the Sheung Shui border, he was asked by Lieut. J. M. Rogers, and Sergeant Davies, of the Royal Marine Commandos, for the car's papers. Defendant could not produce the papers and was detained. Further enquiries revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from the Government garage at Caroline Hill.

Defendant, in evidence, stated that he was travelling in the vehicle together with a friend named Chan Kau. He boarded the car somewhere in Shantung Street, Kowloon, and proceeded to Sheung Shui. When near the border line, he was told by Chan to take the wheel, as Chan owed some of the villagers money, and did not dare show his face.

He took the wheel for about five minutes, and was stopped by the Commandos. He was under the impression that Chan owned the vehicle.

After further evidence, defendant was dismissed on the first and third charge, and convicted on the charge of driving without the owner's permission. Defendant was fined \$100.

H.K. Stage Club To Meet Today

At 8 p.m. today in the Forces Education Centre, Kennedy Road, the Hong Kong Stage Club will hold a Casting Meeting for the production of Sutton Vane's world famous play, "Outward Bound."

This casting meeting is open to anyone who cares to come along and new actors, actresses and stage technicians will be specially welcomed.

On Sunday evening, a very successful private performance of three one-act plays was given to members of the club and their friends. Public performance could not be arranged as many members of the casts were due to leave the Colony the following day. The club even had to borrow a leading member of its flourishing namesake in Singapore, to fill two of the important female parts, owing to the shortage of local actresses.

Early in December, the club intends to present Terence Rattigan's three-act "While the Sun Shines" at the Star Theatre.

After the show, the club is once more faced with a mass exodus of its members. Meanwhile, future productions are being planned but their success depends entirely on the emergence from its chrysalis of Hong Kong's hidden talent.

INCREASE IN RENTS JUSTIFIABLE

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new or continuance of a tenancy or sub-tenancy, the excess above a reasonable price should be treated as if it were a fine or premium and should be recoverable by civil action.

11. That the demanding or receiving of any such fine or premium as mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs should be made an offence.

12. That where a tenant who is entitled to retain possession of a dwelling house by virtue of the control legislation receives or demands a fine or premium, including an excessive sum on the taking over of any furniture or effects, the fine or premium or the excess of the said sum above a reasonable price should be recoverable by civil action, and the demanding or receiving of the fine or premium or excess amount should be an offence.

Tribunals To Continue

13. That as from January 1, 1947, where a tenant in occupation is willing to pay an increased rent a tribunal may in its discretion, where the circumstances appear to the tribunal to warrant that course, sanction the agreed increase in the rent.

14. That it should be made legal to contract out of control legislation except in respect of the amount of the rent or the payment of any fine, premium or other consideration, it being desirable that there should be freedom of contract in respect of the limitation of the duration of tenancies, particularly in regard to stipulations for recovery of possession for the purposes of stock raising.

15. That in view of the weight of litigation which is likely to follow the repeal of the Mortgagor Protection, the Tenancy Tribunal system should be continued. Government will give particular consideration to the recommendation that the chairman of each tribunal should be a practising solicitor or a barrister.

Sub-Tenants

16. That in order to obviate overcharging by principal tenants

the landlord should be empowered to give notice to such principal tenant and his sub-tenants to terminate the sub-tenancies and to call upon the sub-tenants thereafter to pay the rent direct to him. As this would involve the performance by the landlord of services now performed by principal tenants, he would in such cases be authorised to charge the sub-tenants the 30 per cent increase above the 1941 rent, plus the 20 per cent which the principal tenant is allowed to charge under the Proclamation.

17. That it should be made compulsory for principal tenants to furnish to their landlords full and true particulars of all sub-tenancies and changes therein and that default in this respect should render the principal tenant liable to eviction and to penalties on conviction.

18. That it should be made compulsory for principal tenants to give receipts for rents to their sub-tenants.

Receipts For Rents

19. That the conviction of a principal tenant for demanding or receiving excessive rents should be made punishable, by eviction as well as by penalties on conviction.

20. That an office should be established in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, in charge of an officer with legal qualifications, to which tenants should be invited to bring evidence of breaches of the rent control legislation.

21. That the existing law should be repealed and re-enacted in an Ordinance which would consolidate the whole law on this subject and incorporate the recommendations of which Government approves.

Increases Not Yet Law

Government is unable to accept the recommendation of the Committee that a proportion of the cost of repairs which landlords may be called upon to make by the Urban Council or the Building Authority should be borne by tenants or sub-tenants. The ma-

jority of such repairs would be external repairs and Government is not satisfied that it would be justifiable to impose, upon the tenants any part of the cost thereof.

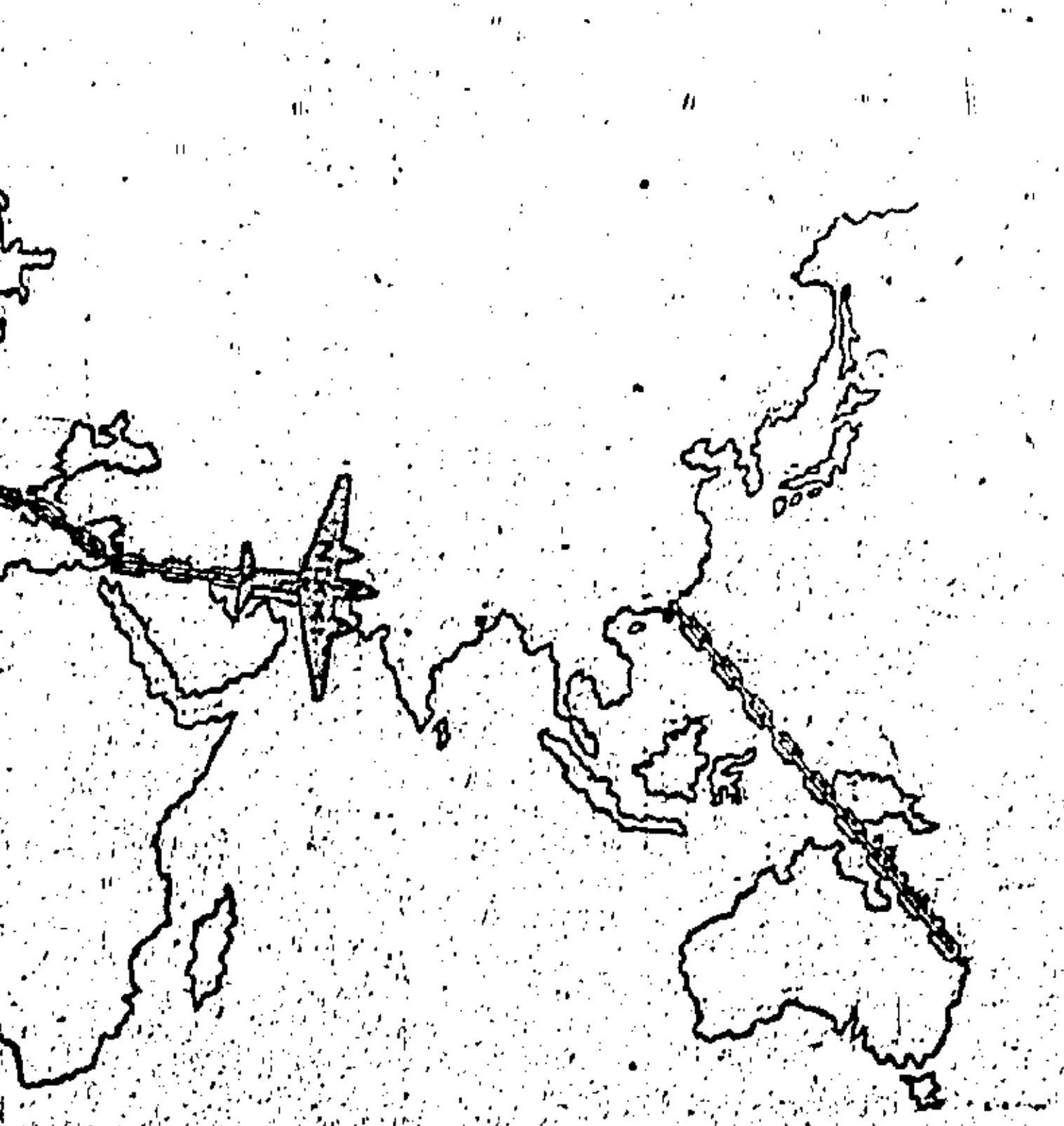
Government wishes to make it quite clear that no increase of rents has yet been approved and tenants are advised that, except in cases where the rent has been varied by a Tenancy Tribunal, they should refuse to allow their rent to be increased and should report to the Attorney General's Department any attempt on the part of a landlord to do so. The recommendations of the Committee, as outlined in the above statement, will not become effective until new legislation has been passed by the Legislative Council.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 1.30 to 3.30 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.32 megacycles. I.L.M.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Bill Harris and His Trio and Pat Kirkwood.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Astro-meteorology.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Variety.
1.25 p.m.—Las Vegas and Philharmonia Symphony Orchestra of New York.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.50 p.m.—From the "Show" Light Over.
3.00 p.m.—Studio—Back—Backed by Michael Bode.
3.20 p.m.—Alfred Campbell and His Jollies.
3.30 p.m.—20th Century and Her Orchestra.
3.40 p.m.—London Radio.
4.00 p.m.—London Radio.
4.15 p.m.—The Melody Masters Op.
4.30 p.m.—"Calvary" Dance Music and Variety.
4.45 p.m.—Bill Harris and His Trio.
5.00 p.m.—Edna and Her Orchestra.
5.10 p.m.—The Melody Masters Op.
5.15 p.m.—"Calvary" Dance Music and Variety.
5.30 p.m.—Edna and Her Orchestra.
5.40 p.m.—London Radio.
5.50 p.m.—Close Down.

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Poppy Day Fund

A total of \$30,407.50 was raised in the Colony for the Remembrance Day Fund. Of this sum, \$14,912.57 was collected in street sales of poppies on the island, \$10,845.19 in Kowloon, \$3,913.93 from the Royal Navy and \$705.81 miscellaneous collection.

The Chairman and Committee of the Hong Kong British Legion wish to thank the following for their able assistance in connection with the Appeal on behalf of the Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Servicemen:

Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Everett, R.N., Mrs. Latimer, Kowloon, Mrs. Jolly, Merchant Service, Mrs. Morahan, Repulse Bay, Mrs. Chalmers, Q. Mary Bay, Col. Walters & Officers, Japanese Guards, The Eagle Lion Distributors for long film, The Management of the King's Theatre, Mr. Andrew Tse, Messrs. Glimm & Co., Ltd., The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, The Hong Kong Football Association, Members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chan Say & Staff of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, D. Thomas, Tang Wai Hospital & Confectionery Society, Miss Gray, Education Department, The China Mail, South China Morning Post, Chinese Newspapers, The Head Mistresses & Masters of all Schools taking part, The Postmaster General, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. and Staff, Father Ryan, Mr. Bill Fox, W.V.S., The Hong Kong Police, The Kowloon Police, Miss Stanton, Mrs. Lloyd-Jones, Mrs. Sprague, The Staff of the Clover Flower Shop, Special mention Miss Lucy Tse for work on the wreaths.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Saturday's arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel included Messrs. H. Pfander, A. Tuxson, A. J. Sanchez, B. Arterton, M. K. Nashida, J. W. Pearson, V. J. Day, D. W. J. Baker, R.A. Foster, F. de Lant, J. J. Baker, J. J. Baker, J. J. Baker, D. W. Blake, V. de Salvatore, W. S. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lefort.

Departure from the Peninsula on Saturday included Mrs. G. S. Hughes, Jones, Capin, W. R. Walters and Nils de Gula, Prof. Heino Lungel, Miss H. E. Howell, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, V. H. Lauron, C. M. Casteneda, S. G. Lim, R. Van Keulen, J. Lowe, B. Beltrán, E. Norman, A. P. Young, A. T. N. Lellan, C. W. Fleming, Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Sullivan, Capt. B. D. Colman, A. V. Aquado and Lieut. Col. R. A. Monasterri.

Among those arriving at the Peninsula over the week-end were Messrs. A. V. Currie, C. H. Lowery, A. A. Gormley, E. Ghent, P. Q. Mullins, E. Mitchell, J. L. Murray, M. Krull, J. T. Reid, F. de L. Reis, Capt. H. H. Hall and Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Martin.

Arrivals from U.K. by the m.v. "Gleaner" on Nov. 17 included two aid residents returning to the Colony. They were Mr. Macdonald of Messrs. Leitch & Orange and Col. Dowling. Other passengers were Mr. C. H. Lowery, A. V. Currie, C. Pratt, Edwards and Holton. Mr. Macdonald was a through passenger for Manila.

Departures for Shanghai by the m.v. "Dorchester" on Nov. 17 included Messrs. Cecil Thompson, Cecil Lumby and F. Ellis, Mrs. A. Morse and Mrs. H. Bennett and infant, and the Messrs. R.A.C. Edwards and C. Fan.

Departures for Manila by the m.v. "Wladimir" on Nov. 18 included Mr. William Macdonald, Mr. Norman Bishop Carson and Miss Theresa Maria Noronha.

Arrivals from Shanghai by the m.v. "Jane" on Nov. 17 included Messrs. C.M. Brock, R.D. Hall, A.A. Gormley, J.C. Sewell, J.L.C. Van der, R.C. Reisinger, J.A. Moslon and L.A.Y. Ribeiro, Rev. B. Boma, Rev. K. H. H. and Rev. W. Pananah, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. M. M. Povoloff and Mrs. P. P. Pellus Benden.

Shortage Of Funds Holds Up UNRRA Relief In China

Shanghai, Nov. 18. Shortage of funds is threatening to hold up or seriously delay the gigantic relief and rehabilitation programme of UNRRA-CNRRRA in China, which has hitherto benefited not only the country as a whole but millions of Chinese individuals of all classes and ideologies.

CNRRRA—which handles the distribution of UNRRA supplies in China—will wind up 1946 with a deficit, according to official figures, of no less than CN\$130,000 million (about HK\$160,000,000). It is learned that an appeal has been made to the Chinese Government to increase its subsidy to the relief organisation besides granting a big loan.

The serious financial situation of CNRRRA was discussed at a meeting of the Committee of the UNRRA Council for the Far East, at which the United Kingdom representative, P.J.H. Stent, reported that the implementation of UNRRA's China programme had been adversely affected by lack of funds, and expressed a hope that the Chinese Government would grant more financial aid to CNRRRA in future.

Mr. Stent said that CNRRRA's methods of finding sources of income could be improved by regarding proceeds from sales of relief supplies as a secondary rather than the primary source.

Dr. C. M. Li, the Chinese delegate, painted a vivid picture of UNRRA's difficulties in carrying out its China programme, citing especially the serious shortage of transportation facilities and high operating costs. These difficulties, in his opinion, found no parallel in any recipient country in Europe.

Although CNRRRA is attempting to obtain as much money as possible from the sale of relief supplies, Dr. Li stated, it had been found that the people of most regions had been unable even to meet transportation costs, let alone the actual cost of supplies.

33,000 D.P.s.

It was disclosed by Dr. J. Saper, head of the UNRRA Displaced Persons Department, at the meeting that a total of 33,000 displaced persons—including overseas Chinese and European Jewish refugees—would be repatriated from China before June next year.

He said that the Allied Control

Purge In Japan

Tokyo, Nov. 18. The Japanese Government has purged only 899 top-ranking officials and political leaders of nearly 8,000 such men examined between the time the SCAP directive was issued, last January and September 20, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The MacArthur report said the Japanese Cabinet had announced that 899 top-ranking Government and political leaders were forced to resign from office under the purge directive. A check with the Japanese Cabinet secretary's office disclosed 7,945 top-ranking leaders had been screened.

Those screened included Cabinet ministers, Diet members, top Government officials who were checked by the Government appointed screening committees on the basis of their activities from 1937 to Sept. 9, 1945—the day Japan surrendered.—Associated Press.

Singapore Surplus Sales

Singapore, Nov. 18. Over \$2,000,000 worth of surplus medical stocks, naval craft and scrap brass, iron and aluminium were sold locally by the British Stores Disposal Board here last month.

The chairman of the board, Mr. John Gwatkin-Williams, a Cornishman who commanded the Eighth Army's Mobile Vehicle Park, said that large stocks of useful materials scattered through the East had hardly been touched yet.

Around Singapore there are large, rusting collections of over-taken semi-tripped cars, lorries, tractors, and tanks which are gradually being cleared by dealers to whom they have been sold.—Reuter.

NO DAIREN WITHDRAWAL

Nanking, Nov. 18. Government and Communist sources in the capital denied reports published in Peking newspapers saying the Soviets withdrew from Dairen to permit the Chinese Communists to take over.

A Communist spokesman said that even though the Russians might desire to hand them Dairen, the Communist leaders would decline because it might provoke new foreign support for the Kuomintang.—Associated Press.

C.J. Comments On Unusual Practice

The unusual practice of the Crown in using two prisoners as King's witnesses against prisoner in a murder trial and then charging them with the murder-suspect in an armed robbery trial, was commented on by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when he deferred sentences for further consideration.

The trio were Leung Lam, Liu Yu-pui and Lo Ching, who were arraigned before Sir Henry on a charge of armed robbery. Liu and Lo pleaded guilty. Leung, who pleaded not guilty, was tried by a jury which unanimously found him guilty without retirement.

Both Leung and Lo testified as King's witnesses in the trial of Liu, during the September Sessions, on a murder charge. Liu was tried by a jury who reached a disagreement in their verdict, after which Liu was remanded sine die for a retrial.

The case was the sequel to an armed robbery at 381 Nathan Road, on June 1, when four robbers, armed with revolvers and daggers, robbed the occupants.

An alarm was raised and a police party, including Sub-Inspectors White and Farquhar, arrived before the robbers managed to escape. Shots were exchanged, during which S/I Farquhar was killed in one of the cubicles on the floor, while one of the robbers was also fatally shot.

Went With Letter

After the robbery, Leung Lam and Liu Yu-pui were arrested while with the aid of the Canton authorities, the police managed to arrest Lo Ching and To Kau in

Canton and brought them back to the Colony for trial.

All four were charged with armed robbery, while Liu and To were additionally charged with the murder of S/I Farquhar. Subsequently, To Kau was discharged on both charges.

In a statement from the dock yesterday, Leung Lam did not deny his presence on the floor during the robbery but claimed that he went there to deliver a letter on behalf of the dead robber and that he did not know the others went there to commit a robbery.

Members of To H are now meeting at their new headquarters, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. The speaker at this evening's meeting will be Mr. B. Bernacchi and his subject "Juvenile Delinquency in Hong Kong" and the work of the Boys and Girls Club Association. A welcome is extended to all men interested.

WIVES PRIORITY LIST

Additions to wives priority list:—1121—Nora Kathleen Williamson; 147E—R.A. Edwards; 200B—Anne Jane Sim.

Larceny Charge Withdrawn

An application for the withdrawal of the case against Chan Wai-soo, 27, master of the Yuen Shing Cheong Import and Export Firm, 40 Connaught Road West, charged with the larceny of \$54,246.41 from the Bank of East Asia, was made by Mr. M. K. Lo, before Mr. H. G. Stedden, J.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and the application was granted. Chan was discharged.

Mr. D.L. Strellett appeared for the defence.

In making the application, Mr. Lo said that a misunderstanding in the prosecution of the case. The Police had no objection to withdrawal of the charge against the defendant.

It was stated that in October, Chan gave a cheque to a friend for \$3,750, and told the friend that he had not enough money in the bank for the payment, but would inform him when the money arrived from his father in Singapore. The friend went to cash the cheque and it was honoured by the bank. The friend then told Chan.

Chan went to the Bank of East Asia and made enquiries, and was told by the clerk that he had the balance of \$50,000 in his account.

Chan agreed to make restitution to the bank.

Confusion In Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 18. Confusion reigned in the Shanghai commercial community today, as business circles studied the implications of the new import and export control regulations promulgated yesterday evening, which were described by one foreign business expert as tantamount to complete regimentation of both volume and value of China's entire foreign trade.

The main feature of the revised regulations is the submission of all imports, except gifts and samples for which no foreign exchange is payable, to Government control.

Certain foreign imports are prohibited altogether, others importable under quotas and others under licence.—Reuter.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Ming, 25, coolie, by Mr. H. G. Stedden, J.C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for returning to the Colony after being banished for life.

BUILDING FOR SALE

The undersigned is prepared to receive on behalf of the Owners Tenders for the purchase of No. 10 1/2 House Street, Sec. A of M.L. 2A.

Permits to inspect the building may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Tenders should be addressed to the undersigned at their office in a sealed cover endorsed "Tender for Purchase of No. 10 1/2 House Street" and should be delivered not later than twelve noon on the 23rd November next.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY also given that at the same time and on the same day at 12 noon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution namely:—

"That the Authorised Capital of the Company be increased to \$25,000,000 by the creation of 2,000,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each, and that such new shares be issued at such time or times, and on such terms and conditions as the Directors in their absolute discretion shall see fit."

By Order of the Board of Directors, Secretary & Chief Accountant, Hongkong, 18th Nov., 1946.

NOTICE TO SHARE-HOLDERS OF THE NEW ASIATIC CHEMICAL WORKS, LTD., HONG KONG.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of The New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd., Hongkong, has decided in their Meeting on the 15th November 1946, to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of Share-Holders for the purpose of effecting an increase in the Capital of the Company. Share-Holders are cordially requested to attend at 3.00 p.m. on the 25th November 1946, at the Mezzanine, Exchange Buildings, 14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. Share-Warrant Holders should comply with the regulation by calling at our Registered Office at 16, Queen's Road Central, 3rd floor, within three days prior to time of the mentioned Meeting, in presence of their warrants, which will hence be in temporary custody of the office while Attendance Permits will be issued accordingly.

The Board of Directors, THE NEW ASIATIC CHEMICAL WORKS, LTD., HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THE NOVEMBER HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, 29th November, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards, C. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hongkong, 6th November, 1946.

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Iron Cylinders and Iron Pipes, Flat Iron Bars, Sheet Metal, Steel Tools, Bolts and Nuts, Cable Iron, Shackles, Ventilators, Drilling Machine with Base, Brass Stanchions, Brass Filings, Drilling Machines, Brass Window Fittings, Machinery and Parts, Planing Machine, Power Press Machine, Wheel Rims, Trans formers with Wheels, Wire Gauges, Iron Nuts, Brass Cans, Iron Spikes, Galvanized Iron Wire, Black Printing Ink, Bolts and Nuts, Rivets, Chemicals, Motor, Starter, Steel Wire, Rubber Belts, Copper Pipes, Etc.

The above mentioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective Godowns on 19th and 20 November, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Inspection permits will be issued by the Undersigned at their Auction Rooms.

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FRENCH REDS AND PREMIERSHIP

Right Of Party With Majority Of Votes And Seats

Socialists Now Embarrassed

Paris, Nov. 17.

The Communist Party today publicly claimed the right to Premiership in the new French Government.

The claim, which was put forward in more general terms last week, was today made specifically in a letter addressed by the Communist Party to the National Council of Socialists which met in Paris today in private, to consider its position in relations to the formation of the new Government.

The letter says: "As you have had occasion to point out previously it is the right of the party having the largest number of votes and seats to assume the premiership in the Government."

"The Communist party claims this responsibility, which has been clearly assigned to it by universal suffrage."

"If our two parties are in agreement it will be impossible for anybody to counteract the will of the electorate and to prevent the formation of a Government of the Democratic Union presided over by a Communist."

The letter points out that in the new Assembly, the Communists and Socialists, with a number of bourgeois territories "of whom one can be assured that their votes will always conform to the interests of Democracy" together are only one

vote short of an absolute majority.

It continues that they do not wish to exclude "any Republican collaboration" but merely wish to point out that the Communist and Socialist parties have sufficient power in the Assembly "to form a solid Republican majority for a Government presided over by a most qualified representative of the most important party in the National Assembly."

Joint Meeting

The Communist letter proposes a joint meeting with the Socialists firstly to ensure the formation of "an undenominational Social Government of Democratic Union" and secondly to draw up the Governmental programme of "national recovery."

The letter was couched in terms which left no possible

EQUAL RIGHTS

Lake Success, Nov. 18. The United Nations Cultural and Humanitarian Committee, after three days of discussion—most of it by women delegates—unanimously approved a Danish resolution asking the General Assembly to request all member states to give women equal rights with men.

The resolution was offered by Denmark with the observation that some members of the United Nations had not yet applied the United Nations principles of equal rights to all, regardless of sex.—Associated Press.

doubt about Communist determination to involve in their favour the precedent already created that one of the leaders of the largest single party in the Assembly becomes the Prime Minister.

Harold King, Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent in Paris, adds that the Communist invitation for a tête à tête before the multilateral party negotiations for the new Government get under way, is likely to embarrass the Socialists who, after their electoral defeat, involving heavy losses—both to the Communists and parties on their Right—appear more than ever inclined to keep in the background and leave the compromising initiatives to others.

Tactics?

Since the General Elections a week ago political circles and the majority of the French press have expressed the belief that the Communist claim to premiership is purely a tactical manoeuvre and that at the bottom the Communists are not anxious to see their request granted.

This was their attitude 13 months ago when they emerged as the single strongest party for the first time, but as the Independent newspaper *Combat* points out today, it would be unwise to assume that it is again their attitude this time. There are many signs, so far, that this time the party—led by M. Maurice Thorez—means business.—Reuter.

Accepted

Paris, Nov. 18. The French Socialist Party accepted conditionally today an offer by the Communists to negotiate on the formation of a government.

The decision was taken by the Socialist National Council after an all-day meeting was held to discuss the results of last Sunday's assembly elections and to chart the party's course.—Associated Press.

UNRRA Prepares To Close Down

(By Robert N. Cool)

New York, Nov. 18.

UNRRA is preparing to conclude the biggest relief job in world history. After spending nearly \$4,000,000,000 to feed hundreds of millions of hungry persons in war-devastated parts of Europe and Asia, as well as helping to establish whole nations on their economic feet, UNRRA is scheduled to end its European operations on December 31 and those in the Orient March 31, 1947.

Though almost 75 per cent of UNRRA funds have been contributed by the United States, most Americans see little of the gigantic undertaking. In parts of Europe and China, however, UNRRA supplies have meant the difference between life and death to vast populations.

In his report on the second quarter of 1946, UNRRA Director-General Fiorenzo LaGuardia gave a picture of the organization's far-flung activities at their peak. It showed that at mid-year UNRRA had shipped 5,934,473 tons of food to famine-threatened regions, nearly half a million tons of clothing and 104,932 tons of medical supplies.

While grain was the staple item of food—with the United States contributing around 300,000 tons monthly—special feeding programmes also were carried out. In Italy, for instance, 2,000,000 women and children received needed dairy products regularly. In Greece, 1,000,000 children were being aided, 650,000 in Poland and 250,000 in Czechoslovakia, the report showed.

Other UNRRA shipments range from seeds to heavy machinery. Motor trucks and tugboats, bridges and hospitals have been provided under UNRRA's industrial and agricultural rehabilitation programmes.

In China

In China, where UNRRA has been carrying out an extensive programme amid great difficulties, La Guardia reported that the relief agency had made use of landing craft to ship supplies into the interior. They were found to be well suited to this work, and one of them made the fastest run ever recorded on the upper Yangtze River.

To combat famine, UNRRA shipped 23 tugboats and 335 other craft, ordered 110 former U.S. Navy landing vessels, 705 barges and several floating machine shops for China. With 33,000,000 Chinese facing starvation last spring, UNRRA brought in more than 600,000 tons of food.

The Director-General reported that "excepting only Poland,

American Ears May Burn!

London, Nov. 18.

Americans whose feelings are easily hurt will do well to close their ears when the "revolt" by 58 Labour Members of Parliament against their Government's foreign policy is thrashed out in the British House of Commons today.

Some of the rebels, who are calling for an "independent Socialist" foreign policy, are rehearsing speeches that may rouse the United States over the coals as vigorously as some American Congressmen criticised the British at the time of the loan debate.

Yesterday's "Observer" summed up the two anxieties that beset most of the insurgents, who have signed an amendment to the King's speech opening Parliament, urging that Britain follow neither the United States nor Russia.

"The first" said the "Observer," "is that by tying our economy to America we shall be unable to protect ourselves from the tendency of capitalism to plunge from boom to slump."

"The second is that by allying ourselves with America in the political-diplomatic field, we shall promote the division of the world into two giant blocs which are bound to clash in war."

With most of the "rebels," it is not a case of loving Russia more, but of liking America less—especially since the Republican election victory gave rise to the opinion generally held here that United States big business is "in the saddle and riding hard."—Associated Press.

LIBERAL DENIAL

London, Nov. 17.

Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, President of the Liberal Party organisation, and Mr. Philip Fothergill, Chairman of the Executive, tonight denied that negotiations were going on between the Conservative and Liberal parties.

They were replying to the Sunday newspaper report which claimed that the Liberal group, including between 30 and 40 prospective candidates, were involved in negotiations. The ultimate aim of which was to draw up a joint programme, which an equal number of Conservatives and Liberals would sign.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 17. The Anglo-Swiss talks on the operation of the monetary agreement between the two countries and the probable trend of payments between Switzerland and the sterling area have now ended with an understanding on currency problems, the Treasury announced today.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST STATE IN GREECE?

Salonica, Nov. 18.

A Third Army Corps Intelligence officer said on Saturday that the Command "holds evidence" that the Sikra attack and the recent surge of frontier "incidents" are part of a "well organized foreign-directed campaign" to establish an independent "Communist state" in Northern Greece.

"The campaign was checked," he said, "by the heroic stand of an army detachment of 40 officers and men who were wiped out en route to relieve ravaged Sikra."

The officer showed newspapermen an "intercepted" letter signed "Captain Lissas" and marked with a crude hammer and sickle.

Addressed to a resident of the village of Azgilerli, south-east of Salonika on Mount Holomonda, the letter said:

"Inform our supporters within three days to send us the names of the Monarcho-Fascists and those wearing 'black hats' (Right wingers) so we know who to execute."

"In a few days, we will have the full victory of Democracy as already won long ago by our brother Bulgarians and Yugoslavians."

The letter was dated four days before the Sikra attack.—Associated Press.



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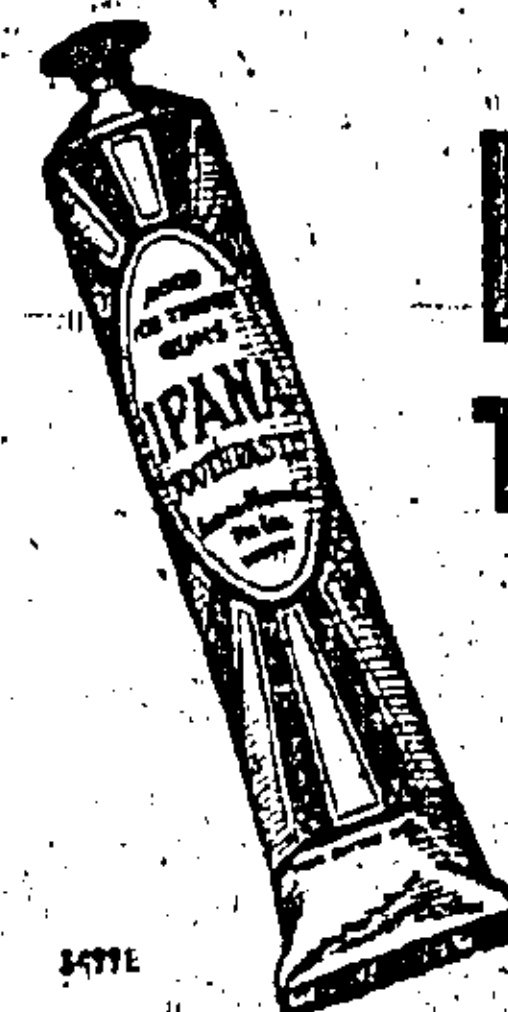
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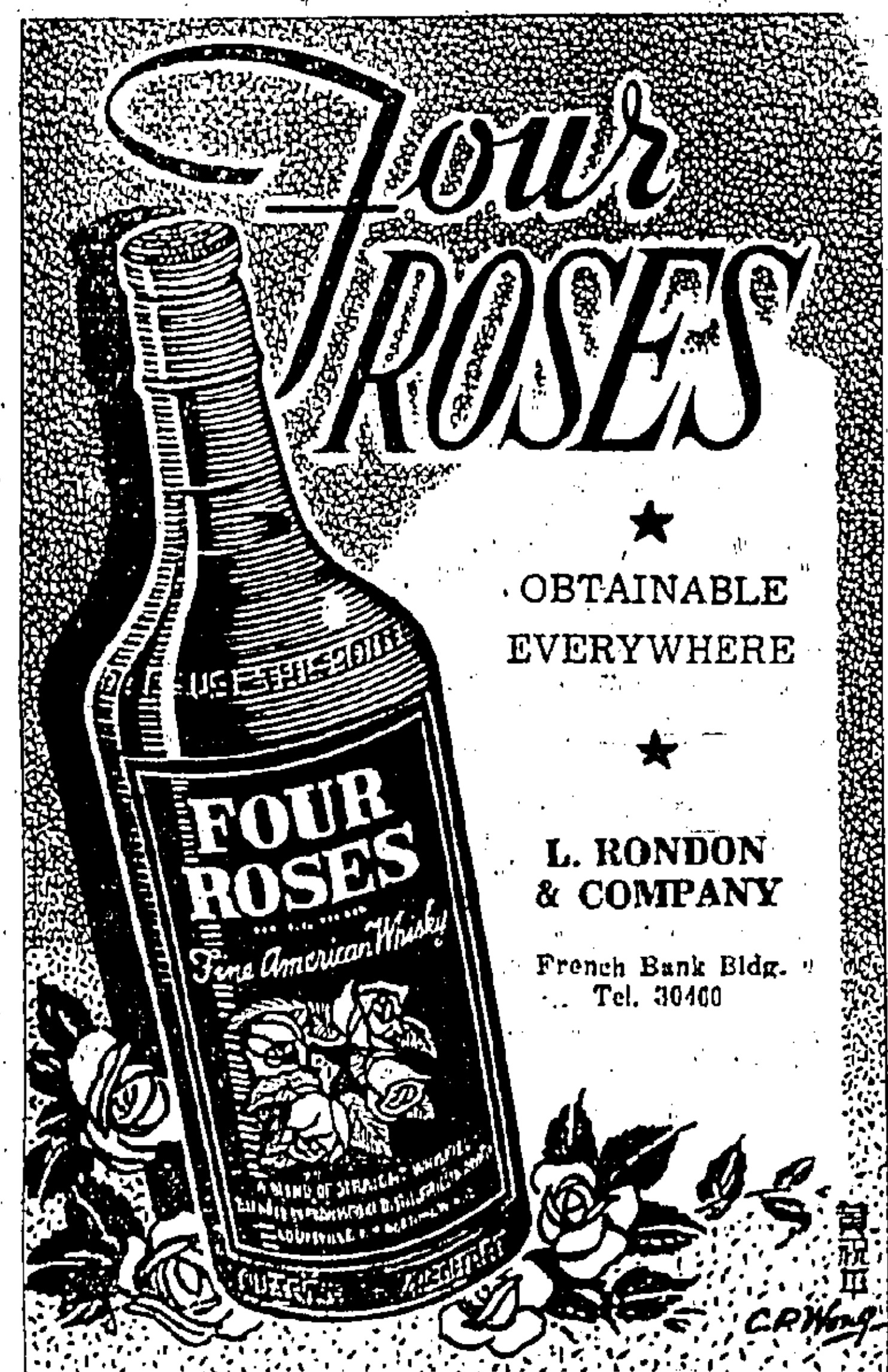


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Professor Laski On Britain's Future

Chesterfield, Nov. 17.

Professor Harold Laski, former Chairman of the Labour Party, speaking here today, said that what Britain made of the nationalisation of mines "is going to settle whether we remain a first class power, with a voice in the future of the world proportionate to the greatness of our past, or whether we descend to the level of a second class power."

Addressing coalminers particularly, he said: "What you do

Atomic Bullets

Berkeley, California, Nov. 18. The press has been shown the University of California's huge cyclotron which produces atomic bullets of 200,000,000 electron volts.

The electro magnet in the device for shattering atoms weighs 4,000 tons. Pole faces of the magnet are 184 inches in diameter. This determines the power of the instrument.

The magnet whirls particles around in the chamber about 10,000 times in a period of one thousandth of a second, and they emerge as a beam of projectiles.

Dr. R. L. Thornton, University physicist who has charge of the California cyclotron, said the atomic particles now being accelerated are deuterons, the nuclei of heavy hydrogen atoms.—Associated Press.

Athens, Nov. 18. General Stephanos Serafis, Commander-in-Chief of all Elass forces during the occupation, has been formally banished to the Island of Corfu by the Greek Security Committee, on the grounds that he is a threat to "Greek security."—Associated Press.

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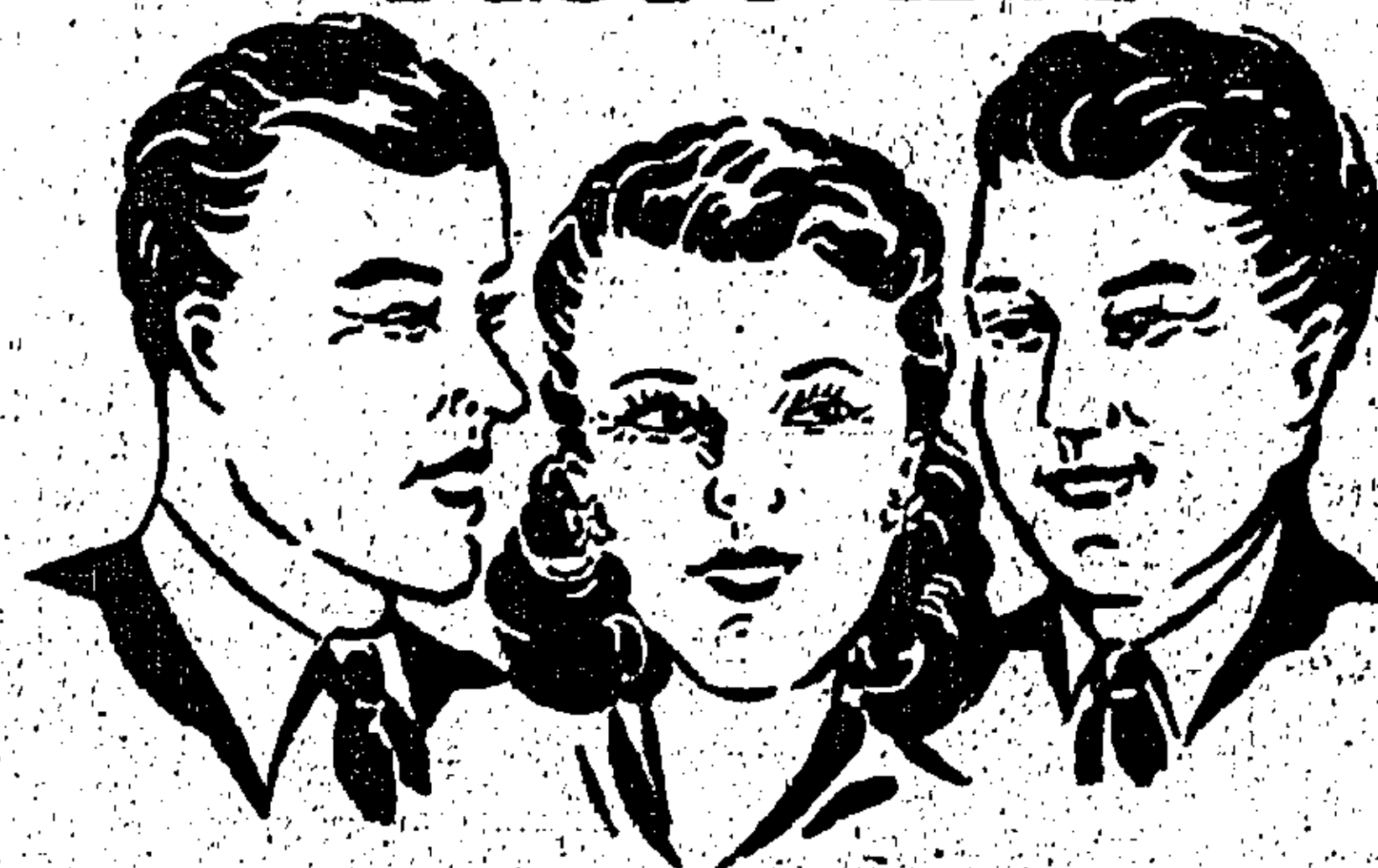
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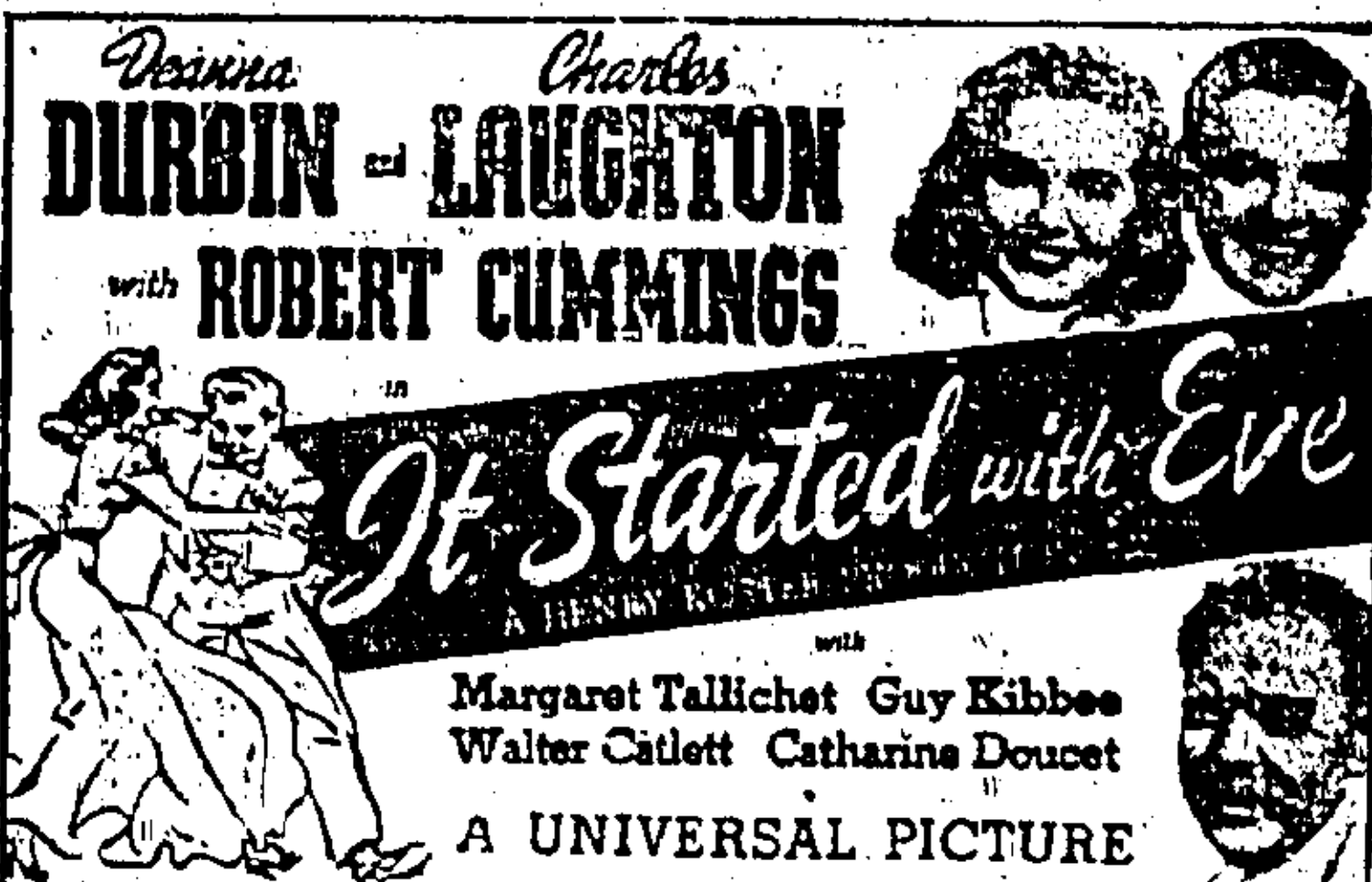
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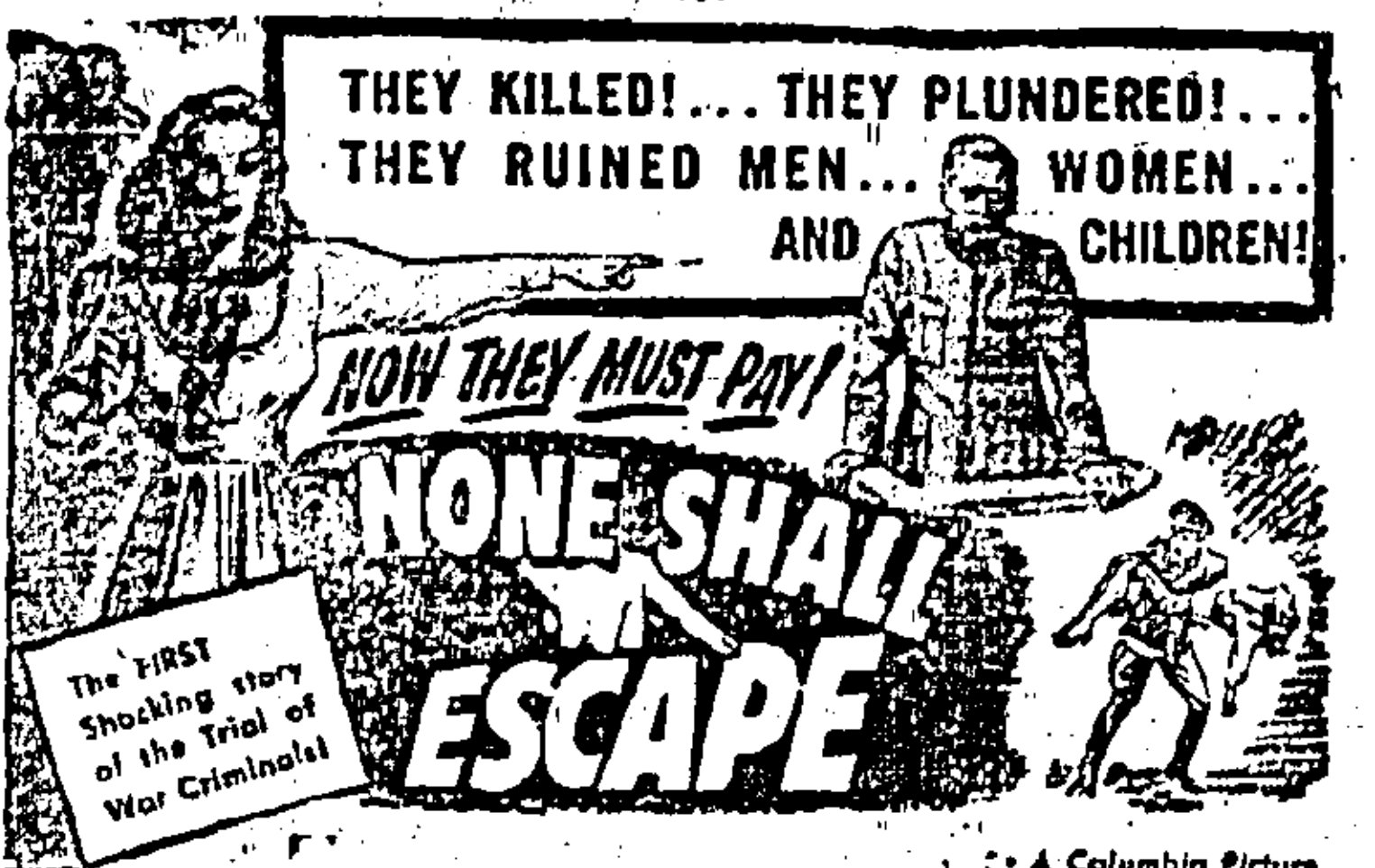
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OBJECTIONS TO ABOLITION OF RESTRICTIONS

(By Sidney Gampell, Reuters City Editor)
London, Nov. 17.

The most serious objections to Washington's suggested charter at the London economic conference are to the abolition of quantitative restrictions.

Australia, New Zealand, India, China, France and They are willing to accept various limitations Holland emphatically oppose their abolition, on the use of these restrictions but nothing near to what the charter proposes.

The joint committee on the industrialization of backward countries established mainly on India's initiative, may be able to bridge the gap during the coming week.

State trading is another headache. Countries with state import monopolies can obviously circumvent tariff reductions. The charter has well known provisions designed to obviate this though the United States recognizes that "any state trading country which is determined to circumvent these provisions could find ways of doing so."

Czechoslovakia proposes the complete deletion of these provisions and a free hand for state trading though the United States naturally disagrees. Britain is decidedly interested (because some members of the British Government believe that bulk buying alone can give Britain an escape from certain provisions of the Anglo-American loan agreement which they consider unrealistic) but Britain finds that other countries are willing to fight this battle for her.

Crucial Issue Left

The crucial issue of negotiating reductions of tariffs and preferences is left for the conference at Geneva next April, to which the United States has invited all

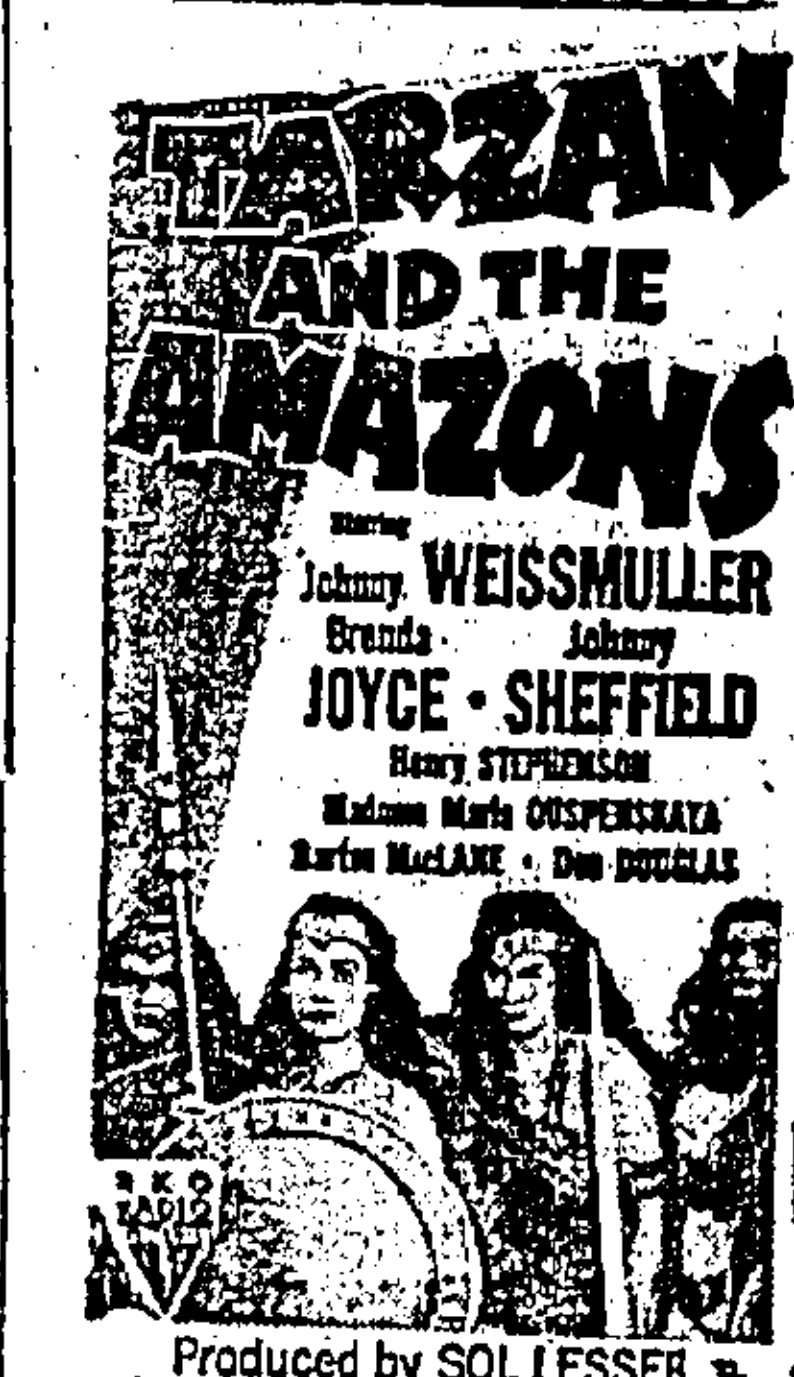
countries which were invited to the London conference, including Russia. One reason for choosing Geneva was Russia's convenience. Russia is not attending London. Whether she attends Geneva may depend on her prospects of getting a loan from the United States.

Tariff Reductions

The prospect of United States tariff reductions arouses certain general hope at the London conference that the Geneva conference will succeed. But it is generally felt that this prospect has receded since the United States elections and there is more scepticism about the permanency of a low tariff policy in the United States.

Many countries with low tariffs fear an all-round percentage reduction which will leave them practically defenceless while still leaving United States tariffs prohibitive.

The United States delegation, however, has received since the United States elections some remarkably reassuring reports from certain quarters, including at least one of the powerful organizations of United States manufacturers, which would greatly influence the Republican policy.—Reuter.

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APPEAL TO CONSCIENCE

Jerusalem, Nov. 17.
Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, chairman of the General Federation of Jewish Labour, appeared at a meeting today to the conscience of the British Labour party to change its attitude towards Palestine.
"If the change occurs," he said, "we shall see in the resumption of this contact a consolation to our people and belief in the United of the labour movement the world over."—Reuter.

Stockholm Bombing Arrest

Stockholm, Nov. 17.
The Swedish police have arrested a man whom they suspect of exploding a bomb at Stockholm's central railway station last night, causing damage estimated at 30,000 Swedish crowns.
The man, whose name the police are not disclosing, was seen carrying a biscuit box just before the explosion.
This was the seventh Saturday evening in succession that bombs had exploded in Stockholm. Nobody has been killed, or even badly injured.—Reuter.

Afridis Want The Khyber Back

Northwest Frontier Afridi tribesmen told Field Marshal Lord Wavell, Viceroy, when he met them in Khyber Pass that in the event of the British leaving India they would request the Khyber Pass—gateway to India—to be returned to them, the original owners.
The Viceroy, who is touring the Northwest Frontier, met the tribesmen at a gathering at Landi Kotal, where they sat on rugs in wide semi-circle.Their spokesman emphasised that their treaties with the British Government, declaring they might elect to remain aloof or join with Afghanistan as might best suit them.
In view of the communal disturbances in India they had no desire to negotiate with the Interim Government, unless the Hindu-Muslim differences had been amicably settled.Lord Wavell assured the tribes of the province that there was no intention of handing over their freedom to any political body in India. "Your freedom is your most precious possession," he said.
"Maintenance of this freedom, which has been guaranteed to you under the treaty your ancestors made so many years ago with the British Government, is a matter of utmost importance, and I assure you that there is no intention of handing it over to any political party.""When the time comes to replace with the new Government the treaty which now exists between you and the British Government, due warning will be given you and you should then be prepared to negotiate terms for a fresh agreement with the future Government of India.
"In doing so, I am sure you will remember that your interests are bound up with India as a whole and not with any political party."—Reuter.

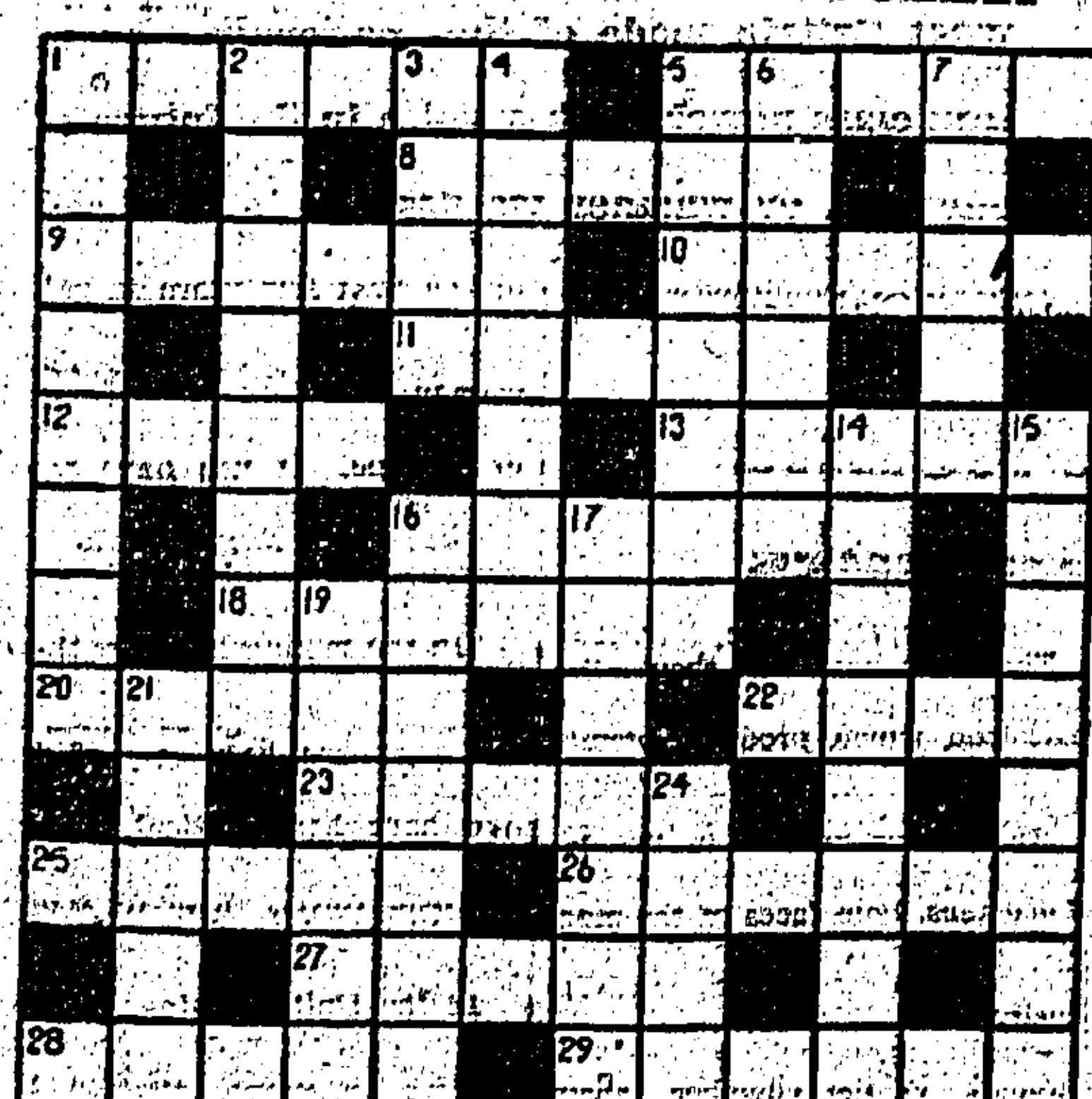
French Jet Plane

Paris, Nov. 18.
The first tests of the Leduc 0-10, French model of a jet-propelled plane, was carried out in the greatest secrecy at Blagnac airport on Saturday.
Police guarded all approaches to the airport and no newspapermen were present. Experts of the Breguet factories, who were present at the tests, declared themselves satisfied.
More complete tests are set for January.—Associated Press.

U.S.-MOSCOW AIR LINK

New York, Nov. 16.
The Scandinavian Airlines plane "Rolf Viking" left LaGuardia field today on the initial leg of the first commercial air link between the United States and Moscow.
After a change at Stockholm, passengers bound for Russia will board a Russian aircraft at Helsinki for Moscow.
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11. Fashion.
12. Roman emperor.
13. Attack.
18. Stupor.

Clues Down

1. One, unknown.
2. Supreme.
3. Periods.
4. Colonist.
5. Unceasing.
6. Foreigners.
7. Malice.
14. Divide.
15. Cartelists.
16. Weariness.
17. Meté.
18. Disfigure.
21. Extreme.
24. Vehicle.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Static; 5. Erred; 8. Drop; 9. Gentle; 11. Idol; 12. Treats; 14. Daze; 16. Damp; 18. Fall; 19. Hens; 20. Sample; 24. Inapt; 25. Pierce; 26. Evict; 27. Tutor; 28. Reason.
- DOWN: 1. Sago; 2. Aunt; 3. Lure; 4. Create; 5. Epitaph; 6. Blunder; 7. Deceit; 10. Trill; 13. Ant; 15. Distant; 15. Clutter; 17. Ample; 19. Hammer; 21. Plie; 22. Eros; 23. Mean.

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WORLD GRAIN HOLD-UP MAY COLLAPSE

London, Nov. 17. Sydney Gampbell, Reuters City Editor, who scooped the British press today with the assertion that the world grain holdup is on the point of collapse, tonight backed up his claim with a detailed analysis of the grain position in the United States, Canada and Argentina.

Mr. Gampbell has been Reuters' chief statistician since 1933 and Reuters' Financial Editor since 1940. Before joining Reuters he had several years in the grain trade and with English and American merchant bankers. He lectured on grain trade economics at the City of London College. His lectures were re-printed by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and sold in Canada. He is making a flying visit to Argentina very shortly.

The first fact, Mr. Gampbell said, is that the United States export programme of 400 million bushels of all grain this season is officially described as the minimum.

Even so, the programme is comparable with that of last year and is far larger than of any other year in American history. About three-quarters of it is still to come, but there is every reason for confidence that it will come and indeed now is coming far easier than last year.

Secondly, United States officials report that total supply for feed for animals is the largest on record and could support more livestock than are likely to be fed.

Thirdly, the official forecast of a carryover of 263 million bushels of wheat is more than Britain's total consumption for the whole year and equals the average carryover of the decade 1932 to 1941 when recurrent glut led to recurrent international conferences on what to do with surplus.

Fourthly, the American crop of winter wheat—the world's biggest single wheat crop—is in good to excellent condition with vital moisture supply the best for several years. The United States Government announced this last Wednesday.

Fifthly, the Government, which has already bought more than half of all the wheat needed for its full season's exports up to June 30, 1947, has been able to buy wheat twice as fast in the last three weeks as during September and October. This is the most striking contrast to last season when the United States Government's purchases were in constant arrears.

Sixthly, the phenomenal new maize crop, supplying cheaper animal food than wheat, should lower still further the consumption of wheat inside the United States, which before the maize crop had already dropped to about 16 per cent less than in the corresponding quarter of last season. If so, there will be that much more wheat for export or carryover.

But Canada, too, now has more wheat available for export and carryover than she exported between this date last year and the end of the season. She intends to raise the carryover from last season's 70

million bushels to 85 million bushels, but may reconsider this which would be grossly unbusinesslike on a falling market.

Canada aligns her export prices to all countries, except Britain, with those ruling in the United States. She is now getting 224 cents per bushel, while Chicago wheat for July delivery is quoted below 175 cents.

Also, contrary to popular impression, this year's carryover of 70 million bushels is not the irreducible minimum. In 1937 and 1938 the carryover were 37 and 26 million bushels, respectively.

The joker, however, may prove to be Argentina. There

An American Takes A Look At Us

(By Ed Creagh)

London, Nov. 18. The visiting Frenchman who once remarked that England was populated entirely by madmen may have been exaggerating somewhat, but it's true that a day's stroll around London will turn up more nuts than you could find in a pre-war fruitcake.

No insult is intended and most Englishmen would agree readily that the percentage of screwballs in the population is high by any standard. Some would go so far as to agree with the Frenchman—and blame it on the climate. England takes pride in her eccentricities.

They are of all classes. You find them doing in the House of Lords, ranting from platforms in Hyde Park, wearing out the upholstery of club chairs, reading aloud by the open air bookstalls in Charing Cross Road, feeding the pigeons in Trafalgar Square.

You find them, of course, in every great city—but not so many of them. Maybe it is the damp, foggy climate that turns men's minds inward upon themselves. More likely it is the English tolerance of mild nuttiness. Whatever it is, it has been going on for a long time.

There was Samuel Johnson, who likes to drop in for a cup of tea and leave with 27 under his belt. The two iron poets that he always went out of his way to touch—Keats and Shelley—were still standing in Red Lion Court. There was the Earl of Bridge-

Big Four Secret Meeting

New York, Nov. 17. The Big Four Foreign Ministers will discuss the vital question of the use of the veto in the United Nations Security Council at "top secret" meetings at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here tomorrow afternoon.

This move was initiated by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in a letter to the heads of the Russian, United States and French delegations. It was also suggested that China should be represented at the discussions.

The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday postponed voting on this disputed issue until after tomorrow's Foreign Ministers meeting.

A postponement was moved by the French delegation after preliminary discussion in which Senator Felix E. R. (Chile) strongly supported the Big Four position and opposed any revision of the right of veto.—Reuter.

are strong indications that within the next very few weeks the world will be reminded that Argentina is normally the world's biggest exporter of grain and that Argentina wants to sell and has the grains to sell.—Reuter.

Moslems Call For Action By Wavell

New Delhi, Nov. 18.

The Moslem League's Committee of Action in a resolution yesterday called on the Viceroy of India, Field Marshal Viscount Wavell, to take immediate action to deal effectively with the Bihar province situation, where the Moslem League claims, 30,000 Moslems have been killed by Hindu mobs and many Moslems raped and abducted and their homes burned.

The Committee of Action also demanded an independent inquiry into the Bihar

No Rebel Vote Of Censure

London, Nov. 17.

On the eve of the British House of Commons debate initiated by 58 Socialist members in criticism of the Government's foreign policy Mr. R. K. Zilliacus, one of the signatories to amendment to the King's speech told a meeting at Newcastle tonight that "so-called rebels are not going to vote any censure of the Government."

He did not say if any of the signatories to the amendment would go into the Lobby tomorrow to vote against the Government.

Prime Minister Attlee will speak in the debate to ensure the strongest support of Foreign Minister Bevin.

Mr. Tom O'Brien, a Socialist member, said today that he had dastardly attacked Mr. Bevin's was bitterly resented by an overwhelming majority of Trade Unionists in Britain.

"We do not want an 'affaire Wallace' in Britain," he said.—Reuter.

Tojo Admits It

Tokyo, Nov. 18.

The former Japanese premier, General Hideki Tojo, admitted his responsibility for the attack on the Anglo-American powers in his interrogation document, submitted by the prosecution to the Allied Tribunal this morning.

Answering the question if he was "primarily responsible," General Tojo continued that the "standpoint of assistance to the throne, the Cabinet is jointly responsible and the army and navy chiefs-of-staffs were also responsible, but he as senior member was chiefly responsible."

The following is an entry from the diary of Marquis Koichi Kido, the Emperor's right-hand man throughout the war: "Heard great news regarding the success of our surprise attack on Hawaii and felt that the gods had come to our aid."

"I saw the Emperor and was much impressed by the self-possessed attitude of the Emperor on this day."

The imperial rescript declaring war, in which the Emperor states that Japan "for self-defence had no recourse but to appeal to arms" was submitted to the Tribunal.—Reuter.

the No. 13 bus who recedes for the customers, and the "screever" sidewalk artist—who finds everything he draws turning into a picture of Winston Churchill, and the—But the list is long and tedious. Englishmen are at all surprised by it.

Instead they think most visiting Americans a little touched.

YUGOSLAVS OPEN FIRE ON GREEK PATROL

(Continued from Page 1)

territory "between signposts 25 and 26" at 6.30 p.m. last Wednesday and began firing at the Albanian frontier guards with rifles and machine guns.

After a few minutes mortar fire was opened from the Albanian side of the frontier, the radio added. It lasted about half an hour, when the Greeks withdrew.—Reuter.

Bloody Battle

Athens, Nov. 18. Thirty-eight guerrillas were killed in a bloody clash with

Gendarmerie at Trikouki, a Pindus Mountain village 10 miles southeast of Gravosa, according to a press dispatch yesterday.

There are no other details. Road communications between Larissa and Elasson were cut when guerrillas blew up a section of the highway, while further south in the Vardolis Mountains, 25 miles southwest of Lamia, guerrillas looted the village of Pyrgos, taking with them UNRRA supplies.

A stone bridge between Lamia and Karpenisia was blown up. A ferry boat on the Allakmon River near Verria was also destroyed.

Press dispatches reported seven other minor clashes. Associated Press.

Expert Picks Best British Isles XI

(By John Harris)

London, Nov. 18.

Arrangements are in progress for the staging of a football match with a British Isles team as one side, and a mixed team from Continental countries on the other. It will take place about the end of this season as a sort of celebration of the reunion of the various countries.

This novel football event set me wondering how the British Isles side might be constituted if we had to play the game in, say, a fortnight from now.

The first thought is that if the Continental team is chosen from five or six different countries, we should start with a definite advantage. They might not be able to understand each other. Some people may say that the best of the British Isles are the Scotch and the best of the Scotch are the English, but we can't have that. The players of those countries would know, when in the middle, whether a pal was shouting hold it or slip it here.

A Problem Anyway, let me, full of courage, make a shot at choosing a British Isles team, on current form, which might beat the world.

Frank Swift would still be my first choice goalkeeper, although I have a feeling that Ted Ditchburn of the Spurs is working up to replace the Manchester City man in due course. At the moment right-back presents a problem.

Perhaps it could be got over by switching Hardwick, just as good there as on the left, to admit a Welshman in Bill Hughes, of Birmingham, for left-back.

A half-back trio which would do me would be Wright of Wolves, Brennan of Newcastle United, and Burgess of the Spurs. There are other centre half-backs in the running: Tom Jones, of Everton, Franklin, of Stoke, and the Irishman Vernon, I doubt if any of these, however, are as good as Stan Collins at his best.

Forward Line The forward line of our British Isles team has to be made to fit. I am not prepared to enter into a Matthews-Pinney controversy, except to say that, especially against strangers, Matthews, less orthodox, might bewilder more.

Anyway, I don't want a better wine than Matthews and Carter, and for the moment there is no serious challenger to Tom Lawton—a centre-forward who "fits" easily. Resisting the temptation to go for another Chelsea man—Len Goulden is playing marvellous stuff at the moment—the left-wing could be made up with an Irishman, Doherty—and Liddell.

That brings us to a suggested line-up as follows: Swift; Hardwick, Hughes; Wright, Brennan, Burgess; Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Doherty and Liddell.

Both are a half-point down. Sequira, having conceded a draw to Johnny Carvalho and Gardner one to Eugene Tausz. Gardner has black against an imaginative attacking player and will find it a hard job to hold Sequira. If he diverges from his usual steady self.

On Gardner's recent form I would concede him a draw at least and there is a probability that he will play with an eye on a draw. Ballerand, who is leading the tournament has a bye. Knight has white against Kolatchoff and is likely to see something other than a Sicilian for a change. One of the principal aspects of the tournament so far has been a preference for the Sicilian on King's side or Queen's Pawn gambit.

Eugene Tausz has white against Col. Whitcombe and is likely to play some unorthodox gambit. He would do well to watch his middle game against the Colonel who has put up two very strong middle games so far and is definitely in his element there.

Johnny Carvalho, after a magnificent effort against Sequira, that won him a draw

last week to Gardner. He meets Dandenberg this time in an aroused Dandenberg mood and would be lucky to win.

Australian Test XI To Be Picked To-Day

Sydney, Nov. 18.

W.C. Choy Back

Mr. W. C. Choy (Choy Wai Chuen), the Cambridge tennis blue and member of China's team in Davis Cup matches for a number of years, has just returned to his home in Hong Kong. He is very fit and looks forward to having more than a knock-up with his old friends notwithstanding the scarcity of courts.

Choy has been away for a number of years on business. Except during the war years and when prevented by business, he was usually the second member of China's team in the international competitions abroad, his partner being Khoo Sin Kie, the Chinese from the Dutch East Indies. This year they beat Denmark but lost to Belgium.

As a director of Choy Brothers & Co. Ltd. (a Hong Kong company) of Lake Yew Building, Choy has been attending to the Company's business in Britain, on the continent and in America. He is sanguine about trade between Britain and China. His return will enable his brother, Choy Wai Hung, the managing director, to make a trip to further the export of China produce from Hong Kong.

Once against the M.C.C. cricket tourists have had a blank day for not a ball could be bowled today—the third day of the scheduled four days' match against New South Wales. New South Wales had scored 97 runs for four wickets in about two and a half hours play on Friday.

The abnormal weather for this time of the year at Sydney must have complicated matters for the three Australian Test selectors who tomorrow will have to pick their team to meet England in the first Test.

An hour before play was due to start today, the captains inspected the pitch and it appeared that this was in condition allowing for play but within a few minutes the mist changed to a steady drizzle and by midday it was obvious that there could be no play before lunch. With no improvement it was not surprising that the "no play today" notice went up early in the afternoon.

N.S.W. Bowlers

The M.C.C. cricketers had hoped to get some practice against the two New South Wales bowlers, Lindwall and Toshack, in the present match prior to meeting them at Brisbane as both are expected to appear in the Australian team. But their enforced idleness here will not, it is thought, prejudice the two bowlers in their claim for Test honours and the only disappointment may be on the part of the M.C.C. team who were denied the chance of facing them under conditions

likely to be experienced at Brisbane before actually meeting them in the first Test match.

The absence of play today gave the chance of discussion of the Australian Test probabilities and it is still believed that the team will differ little if at all from the one suggested last week. Several experts in Australia have picked an identical eleven, substituting Harvey, who is named as reserve opening batsman, for Brown, who through an injured thumb cannot play.

Probable Team The return to form of Meulenman in the current Sheffield Shield game at Adelaide will be weighed carefully by the selectors and the possibilities of Doolland, South Australian all-rounder, who bowls a right-arm leg spin, and Tribe, a left-hander of the Fleetwood-Smith school, must be thoroughly examined.

It is expected that 12 names will be announced, leaving the final choice for nearer the match. The team therefore may be Morris, Harvey or Meulenman, Barnes, Bradman, Hassett, Miller, McCool, Tallon, Johnson, Lindwall, Toshack and Doolland, not forgetting to bear Tribe in mind.—Reuter.

M.C.C. TOUR AVERAGES

Batting					
	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score.	Ave.
W. R. Hammond	3	0	348	208	116.00
L. Hutton	6	1	527	164	105.40
D. Compton	6	0	514	143	85.66
P. Smith	2	1	63	40	63.00
J. T. Ikin	7	3	216	66	54.00
N. W. D. Yardley	7	2	267	70	61.30
C. Washbrook	7	0	298	113	42.71
J. Hastings	5	1	105	67	41.25
L. B. Fashlock	4	0	161	89	40.25
W. J. Edrich	4	1	120	71	40.00
J. Langridge	4	2	45	30	22.50
P. A. Gibb	6	0	129	51	21.50
A. V. Bedser	2	0	23	22	11.50
W. Voce	3	0	33	21	11.00
T. G. Evans	1	0	7	7	7.00
R. Pollard	1	0	0	0	—
D. V. P. Wright	1	1	0	0	—

*Not Out

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Edrich To Captain Middlesex?

London, Nov. 18. Should W. J. Edrich, who is senior professional of the M.C.C. team in Australia, decide to play as an amateur in the near future, it will not be surprising if he succeeds R. W. V. Robins as captain of Middlesex.

There is a great deal of speculation on this point at the moment in Middlesex cricket circles, and there is a distinct chance of Edrich relinquishing his professional status.

If he does, Edrich will be following the example of his great friend, Walter Hammond, who has been captain of Gloucestershire and England since leaving the professional ranks.

Hammond and Robins have a high regard for Edrich's knowledge of the game, and it has not been unusual for them to discuss tactical points with him.

Such a move by Edrich would not be the first in his career similar to one in Hammond, for both played on the wing in professional football—Hammond for Bristol Rovers and Edrich for Spurs.

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England Short Of Racing Dogs

London, Nov. 18.

The Greyhound Racing Association, faced with a shortage of top-class racing dogs in England, have started a stud in Ireland, where they are to breed 200 to 300 greyhounds a year. The dogs, when they reach the age of 24, will be sold to English owners and will race here.

A large country property, and the food shortage in Britain has had an adverse effect on English-bred dogs. A greyhound expert said today: "Irish-bred dogs, like Irish race-horses, have more bone than those bred in England. As there is plenty of food in Ireland, it is understandable that the G.R.A. should take advantage of those facts."

Studies In Canada I understand that Brigadier General A. G. Crichtley, one of the founders of greyhound racing, was largely instrumental in launching the scheme. When

the war started and food for animals was scarce, he started greyhound studs in Canada, the Bahamas and the Isle of Man. These studs are still operating and the Irish scheme is a development of the same breeding plan.

Greyhound breeding may become Ireland's greatest industry. Last year, dogs worth \$990,000 were exported from Elre to Britain.

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